



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Minister of Environment and Water

OB00 - 61
29. December 2016

Regarding: *Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure (EIAP) of an investment proposal for "Sand and Gravel Extraction from Alluvial Sediments in the Bed of the Danube River, Mishka Section (462.0 km –459.4 km), in the area of Babovo Village, Slivo pole Municipality, Rouse Region"*

DEAR MS. PALMER,

On the grounds of Article 4, paragraph 2 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and taking into account the willingness you expressed to participate in the Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure (EIAP) for the above mentioned investment proposal we send you enclosed herein a response in English from the contractor to questions and notes that you made in a letter № 2830/PPP/14.04.2016 as regards the prepared Environmental Impact Assessment report and the report on the Environmental Impact Assessment of the investment proposal on the natural habitats and the habitats of the species that are subject to protection in the respective protected areas from the Natura 2000 network.

In accordance with Article 5 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Trans-boundary Context I kindly ask you for your standpoint that we expect not later than 30 days following your receipt of this letter.

We also inform you that the contractor "Gravel and Sand Pits Bulgaria" EAD has organized a meeting for public consultation of the Environmental Impact Assessment report on Bulgarian territory that will take place on 16.01.2017 from 11 a.m. in the community centre (chitalishte) of Ryahovo Village, Slivo pole Municipality, Rouse Region.

Ms. Cristiana Paşca Palmer
Minister of Environment, Waters and Forests
Bd. Libertatii nr. 12, Sector 5,
Bucureşti, România



Sofia 1000, 22 Maria-Luisa Blvd
Phone: + 359 2 940 6194; Fax: +359 2 986 25 33



I kindly ask you to circulate the information about the above mentioned meeting for public consultation. If you send your confirmation for participation by 10.01.2017 the contractor will provide interpretation for the representatives of the interested Romanian public or institutions.

I avail myself of the opportunity to express my highest consideration and readiness for fruitful cooperation.

Enclosure: A response from the contractor № OBOC-61/20.06.2016 – 1 nc.

Sincerely yours,

Ivelina Vasileva
Minister of Environment and Water