



**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER**

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**Subject:** *Transboundary EIA Procedure for the project "Exploitation of Pb, Zn and Cu ore from the bearings "PODVIROVI" and "POPOVICA" in the area of Karamanica near Bosilegrad"*

**Dear Ms Vujovic,**

*Thank you very much for your note 353-02-2039 /2021-03 from 13 August 2021, received in the Ministry of Environment and Water via diplomatic channels on 24 August 2021, informing us about your letter with a notification regarding the project "Exploitation of Pb, Zn and Cu ore from the bearings "PODVIROVI" and "POPOVICA" in the area of Karamanica near Bosilegrad".*

*With this regard I would like to notify you about the willingness of the Republic of Bulgaria to participate in a transboundary EIA procedure in accordance with article 3, paragraph 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) for the aforementioned project.*

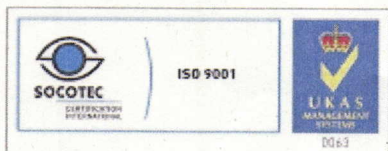
*Additional information on the potentially affected environment, on the activities within the potential affected region, etc., will be sent to you in due time.*

*In conclusion, I would like to express my readiness for future successful cooperation between our two countries.*

**Yours sincerely,**

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