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Subject: Results from the consultations on provided documentation on SEA procedure for the Master Plan "Protection and Rehabilitation of the Romanian coastal zone" and defining the necessity to participate in a transboundary EIA procedure for the project "Protection and Rehabilitation Measures for the Southern Part of the Romanian Black Sea Coast in the area of Mamaia South, Tomis North, Tomis Centre and Eforie North"

Dear Mr Borbély,

With the present letter, we would like to inform you that the provided documentation (Draft Master Plan and SEA and Appropriate Assessment statements (in English)) was published on the website of the Ministry of Environment and Water for public access on 13 February 2012 for a period of 30 days. We have also informed concerned national and regional agencies with competences in the field of environment and human health, including the regional governors.

Based on the statements, the opinions and the comments received, we would like to express the following opinion:

1. Before approving the Master Plan we insist more detailed analyses and assessments to be made of:

- **Evaluation of:** possible risk for the quality of bathing waters and condition of the Bulgarian Black Sea coastal zone (the Northern areas) due to construction of facilities in and south of the town of Mangalia; possible changes in the morphological conditions of the Bulgarian sea coast; changes in coastal marine streams;

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- *Based on the analyses and the impact assessment, to propose, if necessary, adequate measures for prevention and limitation of the possible risks and impacts on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria;*

We expect the respective analyses, assessments and suggestions to be presented in addition, in order to express our opinion.

*2. The results from the planned environmental monitoring **in the process of implementation** of the Master Plan (on the programme for coastal zone monitoring which is provided in Chapter 6.6 of the Project of the Master Plan), including the monitoring measures described in Chapter 10 of the SEA report, to be provided to the Ministry of Environment and Water of Republic of Bulgaria.*

*We take the opportunity to inform you that we have also received your letter №1015/LB/14-03-2012, informing that currently the necessary EIA procedures for short-term projects under the Master Plan for Constanta County are carried out at local level. By your letter you ask whether we consider it necessary for the Republic of Bulgaria to take part in the transboundary EIA procedure for project "Protection and Rehabilitation Measures for the Southern Part of the Romanian Black Sea Coast in the area of Mamaia South, Tomis North, Tomis Centre and Eforie North" in the framework of the Espoo Convention. In this connection, having in mind the above mentioned and especially our expectations to receive more detailed information on the impact of the Master Plan for the southern part of the Romanian Black Sea coast on the Bulgarian Black Sea coast, at this stage, and only on the basis of the information and documentation provided, we could not decide on the necessity to participate in a transboundary EIA procedure for this project. **Pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on EIA in a transboundary context, we expect to receive notification for this project with a detailed description of its subject.***

I am taking the opportunity to reiterate the assurance of my highest consideration and to express our readiness for a fruitful cooperation.

Sincerely Yours,

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