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Minister of Environment and Water

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Ref: *EIA procedure for investment proposal for construction of National disposal facility for low and intermediate radioactive waste with proponent the State enterprise "Radioactive Waste"*

Dear Ms Gavrilescu,

I would like to refer to your letter No 6665 / GLG/ 27.01.2015 requesting additional information regarding the reasons of the Bulgarian court for repealing EIA Decision No 21-9/2011 of the Minister of Environment and Water for investment proposal for construction of National disposal facility for low and intermediate radioactive waste with proponent the State enterprise "Radioactive Waste", and the presence of new elements or changes compared to the project proposal subject to the EIA procedure finalised with the above cited EIA Decision.

The reasons of the court concern the Bulgarian national procedure and do not refer to the EIA procedure in a transboundary context. The subject of the new EIA procedure is the same trench type engineering facility, analyzed during the 2011 EIA procedure, and an alternative facility - tunnel type. The ToR on the scope and content of the EIA was updated pursuant to the decision of the Bulgarian court, taking into account the instructions to broaden the scope of public consultation and discussions in line with the interest of the Bulgarian public in the investment proposal. The updated ToR is a result of the court's decision and is not based on proposed new activities and technical solutions.

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The quality of the updated EIA Report was positively evaluated under the national EIA procedure. Instructions were given for new public discussions on Bulgarian territory. The proponent submitted English translations of the non-technical summary of the report, chapter "Transboundary impact" and Appropriate Assessment Report. Please find enclosed a CD with these documents.

The documentation is available on the website of the Ministry of Environment and Water at the following links:

<http://www.moew.government.bg/?show=top&cid=348&lang=en>

http://www.moew.government.bg/files/file/Industry/EIA/2015/EIA_NDF_NTS_19.02_EN_final.pdf

http://www.moew.government.bg/files/file/Industry/EIA/2015/Part_7_EN_final_correct_number_of_figures.pdf

Given the results of the studies, according to which no transboundary impact is expected regarding the components and factors of the environment, including human health, please confirm the continuation of your participation in the transboundary EIA procedure.

We would like to assure you that if you do not confirm participation in the next stages of the Bulgarian national EIA procedure, the results of the assessment, including the transboundary impact, will be taken into consideration in the administrative act of the Minister of Environment and Water, which will also reflect the recommendations from your letter № 5656 / LB / 13.02.2012. The administrative act issued will be sent to you in due course after the completion of the EIA procedure on Bulgarian territory.

Please send your comments on the EIA documentation if you decide to continue your participation in the EIA procedure.

We would highly appreciate to receive your reply within three weeks of the receipt of this letter in order to comply with the legal deadlines of the Bulgarian national EIA procedure.



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

Enclosure: As stated - 1 CD

Yours sincerely,

Ivelina Vassileva

Minister of Environment and Water

