# REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA



# MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER MINISTER

26-00-4415 19 October 2011

**Ref.:** Notification for investment proposal "Construction of NABUCCO transit gas pipeline on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria"

# Your Excellency,

Following the arrangements made at the sixth coordination meeting on EIA of NABUCCO gas pipeline (Budapest, 25 February 2011) and the information from the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Sofia on the focal points, please find enclosed notification for investment proposal "Construction of NABUCCO transit gas pipeline on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria" (in English and Bulgarian) and ToR of the scope and content of the EIA Peport (in Turkish and English).

I would appreciate the assistance of Your Excellency to submit the documentation to the designated focal points. By 4 November 2011, we expect to receive confirmation from the Republic of Turkey whether a significant negative impact is likely to occur on Turkish territory by the construction and operation of this investment proposal. In this regard, we would like to receive information whether the Republic of Turkey considers itself an affected party in respect of any transboundary environmental impact of this investment proposal and is willing to participate in the Bulgarian national EIA procedure. If you are interested in participating, please confirm whether you expect to receive complete EIA documentation for the whole section on Bulgarian territory or a part thereof, clarifying potential transboundary environmental impacts on the territory of your country.

According to Bulgarian legislation, the competent authority on the EIA procedure for this investment proposal, including the EIA procedure in a transboundary context, is the Minister of Environment and Water. Information on Bulgarian EIA procedure has been presented to representatives of your country at the Bulgarian-Turkish working meeting held on 17 September 2010 prior to the fourth coordination meeting on EIA of NABUCCO gas pipeline in Istanbul.

H. E. Ismail Aramaz Ambassador Embassy of the Republic of Turkey 80, Vasil Levski Blvd. Sofia 1000, BULGARIA Given the transboundary nature of NABUCCO gas pipeline project due to its transit through the territory of several countries, including Bulgaria and Turkey, we expect to receive from the Turkish side a similar notification and ToR on the scope and content of the EIA documentation (translated in English and Bulgarian) to assess whether the Republic of Bulgaria can be considered an affected party of a possible significant transboundary environmental impact on our territory by the implementation of NABUCCO gas pipe line on the territory of the Republic of Turkey. We would be grateful to receive the documentation no later than the beginning of November 2011.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

#### Enclosure:

- 1). Notification in English 5 hard copies
- 2). ToR of the EIA Report scope and content in Turkish 1 hard copy
- 3). Notification in English and Bulgarian and ToR of the EIA Report scope and content in English and Turkish 5 CDs.

## Sincerely Yours,

Nona Karadjova

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# MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER MINISTER

10 November 2011

Ref.: Notification for investment proposal "Construction of NABUCCO transit gas pipeline on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria"

# Your Excellency,

Following my letter No 26-00-4415 / 19 October 2011, please find enclosed notification for investment proposal "Construction of NABUCCO transit gas pipeline on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria" in Turkish language.

I would appreciate the assistance of Your Excellency to submit the documentation to the designated focal points. We would expect at your earliest convenience the confirmation of the Republic of Turkey if a significant negative impact is likely to occur on Turkish territory by the construction and operation of this investment proposal.

I am taking the opportunity to reiterate the assurances of my highest consideration and our willingness for a fruitful cooperation.

Enclosure: Notification in Turkish – 1 hard copy and 5CD\$

Sincerely Yours,

Nona Karadjova

H. E. Ismail Aramaz Ambassador Embassy of the Republic of Turkey 80, Vasil Levski Blvd. Sofia 1000, BULGARIA

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