



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Ministry of Environment and Water

ED-6

20 June 2017

Subject: *Strategic Environmental Assessment Procedure for "Zonal Urban Plan – Used Oil Recycling Plant"*

Dear Ms Gavrilescu,

I would like to confirm the receipt of your letter № 3389/GLG/03.05.2017 informing us as follows:

- *The SEA Report for the Zonal Urban Plan contains information on environmental characteristics likely to be affected by the plan as well as analyses of the potential environmental impact and the established environmental objectives;*
- *To reduce potential negative effects on the environment, both during construction and operations, several measures have been proposed to eliminate, prevent and mitigate such likely effects in order to ensure project implementation with minimal environmental effects;*

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- *The information requested in our letter № EO-6/04.04.2017 is not available at this stage of the investment. It will be available at the project level in a subsequent phase.*

You have clarified that in compliance with Romanian legislation the construction works may start after conducting of Environmental Impact Assessment procedure (EIA procedure) which includes public consultation and public debates. The related documentation will be sent for consultation as soon as possible.

Based on the above, our conclusion is that the lack of the requested information on the impact of the "Zonal Urban Plan – Used Oil Recycling Plant" does not allow the Ministry of Environment and Water to express opinion on the aspects of the expected impact on the environment and human health on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria as well as on acceptability from this point of view of the location of the construction site of the Used Oil Recycling Plant to be assigned by the Zonal Urban Plan.

In relation to the forthcoming EIA procedure for the investment proposal of construction and operations of the Used Oil Recycling Plant we would like to note that the location of the plant determined by the Zonal Urban Plan may be found unacceptable in the process of consideration and assessment of location alternatives in the EIA report depending on the results and conclusions regarding the expected impact on environment and human health on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Considering the aforementioned we look forward to be notified of the investment proposal in compliance with Article 3 of the Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context and to receive the information requested by our letter EO-6/04.04.2017.

In conclusion, I would like to assure you of my willingness to continue our fruitful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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