



REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
Minister of Environment and Water

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Subject: *Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary Context for the investment proposal for "Construction of a depot for phosphogypsum storage" with proponent "ELIXIR PRAHOVO" LTD*

Dear Minister,

With the present letter I would like to confirm that the Ministry of Environment and Water received your letter by which you inform us about the ongoing EIA procedure in Serbia for the above-mentioned investment proposal.

After getting acquainted with the enclosed information, we found that the proponent "Elixir Prahovo" Ltd envisages construction of a new depot for phosphogypsum covering an area of 46,5 ha and situated at a distance of 8-9 km from the Bulgarian border, using a technology for storage of phosphogypsum under water. The Danube River is of high importance for Bulgaria since it's broadly used for transportation, aggregate extraction, fishing, irrigation, recreation and tourism as well as in cases of high hydro-technical constructions for the zones for protection of the waters of islands and Danube lowlands, drinking water supplies from groundwaters in the lowlands and other factors related to the activities of the planned investment proposal. With regard to the above-mentioned, finding it important for the quality status of the river in case of accidents, we think there is a probability of occurrence of a transboundary impact on the territory of Bulgaria.

In this regard and pursuant to Article 3, Paragraph 3 of the Convention on EIA in a Transboundary Context, I declare the willingness of the Republic of Bulgaria to take part in the EIA procedure for the afore-mentioned project.

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When preparing the EIA Report, we find it necessary to especially make an assessment whether there is any risk of pollution of water sources used for drinking water supply on the territory of Bulgaria which might be directly related to the protection of human health.

Let me take this opportunity to express my highest consideration and willingness for a fruitful cooperation during the EIA procedure in a transboundary context.

Yours sincerely,

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