



## REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

### Ministry of Environment and Water

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**Regarding:** Investment proposal "Construction of an experimental "pilot" facility for technology testing of flotation processing of copper, lead and zinc ore" on the territory of Karamanica, municipality of Bosilegrad, Republic of Serbia

**DEAR MINISTER,**

I would like to confirm the receipt of your letter № 353-02-1533/2016-16 from 29 July 2016 notifying about the above investment proposal of Bosil-metal doo.

The documentation does not specify the exact location of the proposed facility. A potential recipient of the waste waters is a nameless brook that is part of the catchment area of the Dragovistica River on Serbian territory, which is a transboundary river between Bulgaria and Serbia. Taking into account the geographical characteristics of the region in which the activity is planned to take place, as well as the fact that it is located within a transboundary river basin, a negative impact can be expected on the waters on Bulgarian territory in the stage of construction and exploitation of the pilot facility and after its exploitation has finished. The expected activity-related emissions are connected with potential pollution with priority and non-priority substances of the surface and/or ground waters that could affect the state of the Dragovistica and the Struma Rivers on Bulgarian territory as well as the ground water bodies in the region. It is necessary to plan measures to reduce the risk of pollution, of emergency situations and of negative impact on the environment in the catchment area of the Dragovistica River and on the water bodies in the Bulgarian part of the Struma River basin. Coordination is also necessary with the provisions of the River Basin Management Plans of the West Aegean Region in Bulgaria.

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*In view of the above and in accordance with Article 3, Paragraph 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context I express willingness to participate in a EIA procedure for the "Construction of an experimental "pilot" facility for technology testing of flotation processing of copper, lead and zinc ore" on the territory of Karamanica, municipality of Bosilegrad, Republic of Serbia.*

*I avail myself of the opportunity to express my highest consideration and readiness for fruitful cooperation.*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Iveliña Vasileva*

*Minister of Environment and Water*