

GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND FORESTS Cabinet of the Minister

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Ref: "The development of the Arges and Dâmbovița rivers for navigation and other uses" project

Dear Ms. Ivelina VASSILEVA,

Allow us to take this opportunity and thank you for your letter no.OBOC-240 dated 19 August 2014, regarding the procedure for environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context for the project "The development of the Argeş and Dâmboviţa rivers for navigation and other uses".

In this respect, please receive from us the attached "Potential Transboundary Impact for Site Natura 2000 in Bulgaria" and "Annex" to the Appropriate Assessment Study, for the Natura 2000 sites in the Bulgarian section of the Danube River, elaborated for this investment proposal at your request.

This documents clarify some aspects regarding the Appropriate Assessment Study of the above – mentioned project on maintaining and protecting the Natura 2000 sites and provide detailed analyses and assessments for the integration of the objectives and requirements of environmental protection by assessing the potential impact on protected areas.

Taking all the above into consideration, please send us your final point of view regarding the Appropriate Assessment Study, until 30^{th} February 2015.

Therewith, we would like to mention that the aspects on the groundwater requested by you in the above letter, will be included in the Environmental Impact Assessment Study that will be submitted to you, as soon as possible.

I am taking this opportunity to express our readiness to continue our fruitful cooperation and please accept, Ms. Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration and esteem.

Yours sincerely,

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