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**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER**

Ref.: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Bulgaria with the Convention in connection with the award of injunctive relief during the review of environmental permits (Ref. ACCC/C/2012/76)

Sofia, March 2013

Dear Mrs. Smagadi,

Following your letter from 30 October 2012 relevant to the Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning compliance by Bulgaria with the Convention in connection with the award of injunctive relief during the review of environmental permits (Ref. ACCC/C/2012/76) and having regard to paragraph 23 of the Annex to Decision I/7 of the Meeting of the Parties we send you enclosed (Annex I) written statements which express our position on allegations stated in Communication Ref. ACCC/C/2012/76 and clarify the issues referred to in it.

We hope for a fruitful collaboration with the Compliance Committee concerning the Communication Ref. ACCC/C/2012/76 and we express our willingness to do all efforts for that. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any questions arise or if further information is needed.

Yours sincerely,

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