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**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER**

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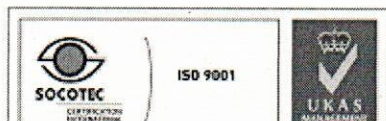
**Subject:** *Non-compliance by the Republic of Serbia with the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the EIA Convention) for mining projects on its territory*

**Dear Ms Aulavuo,**  
**Dear Mr Švedas,**

*We hereby inform you that, in connection with several different projects for development of mining in the Republic of Serbia, the Republic of Bulgaria has stated in writing its willingness to participate in transboundary EIA procedures, including receiving a notification under Article 3 of the EIA Convention as well as other available information and project documentation at that time.*

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**Mr Romas Švedas**  
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**and SEA Protocol**  
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*The projects concern:*

- *“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”;*
- *Ore Exploitation and Mining from Mines “PODVIROVI” and “POPOVICA”;*
- *Extending the production of zinc, lead and other metals from the Grot Mine.*

*With the exception of the project for Construction of an Experimental “Pilot” Facility for Technology Testing of Flotation Processing of Copper, Lead and Zinc Ore, for which the Republic of Bulgaria has been notified under the EIA Convention, for the other two projects in the Ministry of Environment and Water information has been submitted only from non-governmental organizations of both countries.*

*Due to the potential expectations of a negative transboundary impact on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, we refer to the Secretariat and the Implementation Committee of the EIA Convention in a Transboundary Context and to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment for assistance to the Republic of Bulgaria as the affected country to receive the requested information and documentation for conducting transboundary procedures under the Convention. Steps should also be taken to assist the Republic of Serbia in complying with the provisions of the EIA Convention and conducting transboundary procedures with the Republic of Bulgaria as an affected country, as well.*

*Please, find enclosed copies of letters of the Ministry of Environment and Water of the Republic of Bulgaria, Nos. 99-00-161/22.11.2018, 99-00-161/21.02.2019 and 99-00-161/03.05.2019.*

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

***Yours sincerely,***

***Neno Dimov***  
***Minister of Environment and Water***