



MINISTER'S CABINET

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To: MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

In att.: Ms. Sara PAVKOV, Minister

Dear Minister Pavkov,

It has come to our attention that the Republic of Serbia has re-opened the copper-gold mines in Majdanpek, part of Serbia Zljin Copper Bor Complex, approximately 11km from the border to Romania, without undergoing the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure in accordance to the provisions of the *Convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context* (the Espoo Convention) in which both the Republic of Serbia and Romania are Parties.

As the project is in close proximity to the Romanian border, information that the developer has stated that residual waters will be evacuated in the Danube river and that said river is supplying drinking water to Romanian localities, we cannot exclude a significant adverse impact on the territory and population of Romania.

Taking into consideration that major mining activities fall under point 14 Annex I of the Espoo Convention and information mentioned above, we are of the opinion that Romania should have been notified regarding this project and that a transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure between our two countries should have been undertaken, prior to a decision to authorize or undertake the activity.

In absence of this timely notification and taking into account that the project is already being implemented, we request information regarding the impact of the project on human health, measures envisaged to avoid, prevent or reduce and, if possible, compensate for significant

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adverse effects on the environment and measures envisaged to avoid, prevent or reduce significant adverse effects on human health. We are also interested in the monitoring measures/conditions set by the environmental authority in the environmental permitting procedure as well as the monitoring reports, if and when available.

Since further expansions are being advanced at the Lower Zone of Čukaru Peki mine and mines in Bor complex, we take this opportunity to express our interest in participating in the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedures of these expansions, as well as the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedures of connected projects.

Please accept, Ms. Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Diana-Anda BUZOIANU
Minister of environment, waters and forests

