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Subject:

EIA procedure for the investment proposal 'Extraction of sand and gravel from alluvial deposits in the bed of the Danube River, Mishka section (from km 462.0 to 459.4) in the area of Babovo Village, Slivo Pole Municipality, Ruse District"

Dear Ms. Plumb,

With the present letter I would like to inform you that the EIA Procedure and also the compatibility assessment for the investment proposal "Extraction of sand and gravel from alluvial deposits in the bed of the Danube River, Mishka section (from km 462.0 to 459.4) in the area of Babovo Village, Slivo Pole Municipality, Ruse District' has been terminated by Decision No 62-II/2013 of the Minister of Environment and Water, due to three consecutive negative evaluations of the quality of the Report concerning the assessment of the degree of impact of the investment proposal on protected areas.

The Decision does not revoke the rights of the contractor to initiate new ELA procedure, including assessment of the degree of impact on protected areas, in compliance with the environmental legislation.

I avail myself of the opportunity to express my highest consideration and willingness to continue our successful and fruitful bilateral cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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H. E. Ms. Royana Plumb

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