

# Republic of Serbia MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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# Romania Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests Minister Mr. Mircea Fechet

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Subject: Project of construction of a waste-to-energy plant at the cadastral parcels 1420/1, 1420/4, 1491/1, 1541/1, 1541/2, 1552, 5824/1, 6513/1, 6513/2 K.O. Prahovo, Municipality of Negotin and construction by phases of non-hazardous waste landfill Elixir Prahovo at the cadastral parcels 2300/1, 1491/1 and 1541/1 K.O. Prahovo, Municipality of Negotin.

Your reference: Letter Reg. No DGEICPSC/37558/12.11.2024. dated November 12th, 2024

Dear Minister,

Hereby we would like to express our gratitude for showed interest in taking part in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) study in a transboundary context (in accordance with the Espoo Convention provisions) for the Project of a Waste-to-Energy Plant construction on cadastral parcels 1420/1, 1420/4, 1491/1, 1541/1, 1541/2, 1552, 5824/1, 6513/1, 6513/2 on the cadastral map of Prahovo settlement, municipality of Negotin, and phased construction of a Non-Hazardous Waste Landfill within the industrial chemical complex Elixir Prahovo on cadastral parcels number 2300/1, 1491/1 and 1541/1 Prahovo, municipality of Negotin (hereinafter: the Subject Project).

Within this letter we are submitting the following:

- Attachment 1. Answers to additional comments and requests submmitted in the corresponding letter of The Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests of Romania Reg. No DGEICPSC/37558/12.11.2024. issued on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Attachment 2. Updated Non-Technical Summary of the EIA, as updated after including additional technical aswers to the Romanian Authorities (as submitted in the above Attachment 1)
- Attachment 3. Human Health Impact Assessment Study, as requested.

In the final paragraph of your respected Letter Reg. No DGEICPSC/37558/12.11.2024. dated November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, where you have noted that you will contact the Serbian Focal Point of the Espoo Convention regarding the practical arrangements for the organizing of the public debates on the territory of Romania, upon receipt of the following documents:

- 1. The Environmental Impact Assessment report revised with the information specified in the corresponding Letter,
- 2. The impact study on human health and
- 3. The Non-Technical Summary of the revised EIA report translated in Romanian language

We would need to provide certain clarifications with corresponding proposals in a respective manner.

### Subject matter: Request to share the revised Environmental Impact Assessment (the EIA) report.

In this phase of the EIA evaluation process, it is not possible to provide the revised EIA report before completion of the all-regulatory procedures, including ongoing cross-border consultation procedures as well as the evaluation procedure by Technical Commission, authorized by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Republic of Serbia. Naturally, the final revised EIA report will be available to Minister of Environment, Water and Forests of Romania additional validation after the ongoing procedural step completion.

We kindly ask You to consider the procedural aspect related to your request alongside and acknowledge the fact that the provided technical answers submitted as Attachment 1 to this letter will be implemented in the final version of the EIA report.

#### Subject matter: Request to share the impact study on human health.

Please note that according to Environmental Impact Assessment Act of the Republic of Serbia, the impact assessment on human health is an integral part of the EIA report, and in accordance with that the decision on the subject project EIA scope and content determination has been issued on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Republic of Serbia. All comments and proposals submitted in your letter Reg. No DGEICPSC /10258 /6.04.2024 dated April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were

respectfully included in the corresponding decision issued by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Republic of Serbia.

We understand the concerns of The Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests of Romania (although deviating from regular ESPOO convection procedure) and in order to comply with your request the project holder took the relevant provisions of the EIA report, already covering the human health issues, and expanded on them along the Romanian national law provisions and as such provide a Human Health Impact Assessment Study as Attachment 3 to this letter, as additional supplement to the subject project EIA report.

### Subject matter: Request to share the translation of the Non-Technical Summary to Romanian

As previously explained, the revised EIA report, including the Non-Technical Summary as its integral part, could be completed only after completion of the consultation procedures, including ongoing cross-border consultation procedures as well as the national Technical Commission evaluation procedure.

Regardless of the other procedures in progress, the project holder respectfully complies with your request and provide the Non-Technical Summary translated to Romanian language, as Attachment 2 to this letter, which has been separately revised and updated in accordance with Attachment 1 to this letter with submitted answers to all your specific additional comments and requests, at the end of the procedure.

Hopefully, you will find the level of provided details in the following documents and answers to your comments and requests sufficient for the final project impact evaluation.

Moreover, following the submission of the documentation mentioned above, we hope that the Romanian Authorities will organize the public debate in Romania, if still considered necessary and following this stage of the process will move on to closing the procedure, as per the provisions of the Espoo Convention.

Yours sincerely,

Ministry of Environmental Protection, Republic of Serbia

Sincerely,

MINISTER

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