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**TO**  
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**COPY TO:**  
**DR. MARGARITA NIKOLOVA**  
**DIRECTOR**  
**REGIONAL HEALTH INSPECTORATE – ROUSSE**

*Re: Notification of investment proposal for Extraction of Sand and Gravel from Alluvial Deposits in the Bed of the Danube River, Mishka Section (from km 462.0 to km 459.4) in the area of Babovo Village, Slivo Pole Municipality, Rousse County*

**DEAR MISTER CHAKMAKOV,**

Referring to your letter with incoming number IP -00-2/21.03.2014 and the documents attached thereto submitted to the Ministry of Health with a Notification of investment proposal for Extraction of Sand and Gravel from Alluvial Deposits in the Bed of the Danube River, Mishka Section (from km 462.0 to km 459.4) in the area of Babovo Village, Slivo Pole Municipality, Rousse County we hereby advise you of the following:

According to the submitted information the investment proposal will be realized on two sites – excavation section Mishka, situated on the bed of the Danube River and a pier site for unloading the excavated alluvial deposits located in the Eastern Industrial Zone of the city of Rousse, which is a licensed and operating harbor for handling general and bulk cargo.

The planned section for excavating the gravel and sand from the Danube River is from km 462.0 to km 459.4 to the north of Ryahovo Village and Babovo Village, to the north and north-west of Misha Island (Goliam Mishka 1 and Malak Mishka 2) and to the south of Mishka 3. The area of the section (0.433 km<sup>2</sup>) has a length of 2.6 km and a width of 300 m in the southwestern part and up to 100 m in the northeastern part.

The rural planning borders of the two nearest populated areas – the village of Ryahovo and the village of Babovo are situated respectively a t:

- Ryahovo Village – 1 km;
- Babovo Village – 2 km from the excavation area

The distance along the river to the bridge of the Danube River in the city of Rousse is 29.5 km.

In connection to the described technology in the submitted documentation we believe that a number of issues must be considered in the assignment of the Environmental Impact Assessment related to the analysis of the current health condition of the population, the expected impact on human health during the construction stages and in the realization of the investment proposal, the location and distance of the proposed sites from the residential areas of the nearest populated areas and other sites and activities requiring health protection.

Various sections must be included and an analysis and evaluation must be made of the impact on the individual factors and components of the environment, including health and the sanitary aspects of the environment and possible favorable or negative impact on human health.

To provide information about the current condition of the environment and the possible development without the realization of the investment proposal, i.e. the so-called "zero alternative" as well as with the realization of the proposal.

To make an overall evaluation of the possible health hazards and of the impact on human health due to the realization of the investment proposal.

To indicate measures for avoiding, reducing and compensating as much as possible the expected unfavorable consequences from realizing the investment proposal on the environment and on the human health.

The prepared Assignment for the content and scope of the Environmental Impact 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 km 459.4) in the area of Babovo Village, Slivo Pole Municipality, Rousse County must be submitted to the Ministry of Health in compliance with Art. 9 of the Regulation on the requirements and procedure for performing environment impact assessments (State Gazette, issue 3 of 2006, amended and supplemented State Gazette, issue 94 of 2012)

Respectively yours,

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**DR. ANGEL KUNCHEV**

**Chief of the State Health Inspectorate**

*SEALED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA.*