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WATERS AND FORESTS

MINISTER CABINET

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To: Mr. Julian Popov, Minister
Ministry of Environment and Water of the Republic of Bulgaria

Ref: Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Appropriate Assessment Study for the project Neptun Deep, beneficiaries OMV Petrom S.A. and RomGaz Black Sea LTD

Dear Minister Popov,

The Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests of Romania sends cordial greetings to the Ministry of Environment and Waters of the Republic of Bulgaria and particularly appreciates the bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental protection.

In continuation of our correspondence regarding the transboundary procedure for the „*Neptun Deep - pipeline and communication cable installation, undercrossing of beach, seafront, roads and railway; making a temporary level crossing with the railway; building regulation and measurement station - SRM, control center - CCR, fencing, lighting, parking lots, green spaces, platforms and internal roads; site organization, securing and connecting utilities, in Tuzla commune, Constanța county; Domino and Pelican South Infrastructure (Drilling Centers, Wells, Manifolds, Umbilical Systems, Risers, Feed/Intake Pipes, Auxiliary Equipment), Shallow Water Production Platform, Natural Gas Production Pipeline, Fiber Optic Cable, Underpass shore, utilities, on the continental shelf of the Black Sea*” project (hereafter named Neptun Deep project), beneficiaries OMV Petrom S.A. and RomGaz Black Sea LTD, we hereby submit:

- the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, in English. Chapter 6.3 *Environmental Impact Assessment in a cross-border context* is also translated in Bulgarian
- Appropriate Assessment Study, in English

We recall that the project provides offshore production of natural gas reserves from the Neptun Deep block (Domino and Pelican South reservoirs) located in the Romanian portion of the Black Sea, delivery of the treated gas from the Shallow Water Platform to the onshore Natural Gas Metering Station through an approximately 160 km length gas production pipeline, and transfer of the natural gas from the Natural Gas Metering Station to the Romanian National Transmission System (NTS) operated by Transgaz and provides the following onshore and offshore facilities:

- Onshore facilities: Pipeline and Communication Cable Installation; Undercrossing of Beach, Seafront, Roads and Railway; Temporary Road Railway Crossing; Construction of the Natural Gas Metering Station - NGMS, Control Center - CCR, Fencing, Lighting, Parking, Green Space, Platforms, and Internal Roads; Site Works Organization and Utilities Connections;
- Offshore facilities: Domino and Pelican South Infrastructure (Drill Centers, Wells, Manifolds, Umbilicals, Risers, Flowlines, Ancillary Equipment); Shallow Water Platform - SWP; Gas Pipeline; Fiber Optic Cable; Landfall Crossing; Utilities;

and operation of onshore infrastructure (NGMS and CCR) gas production pipeline and fiber optic cable, SWP and related offshore subsea infrastructure.

The Neptun Deep field development area is located in the Romanian Exclusive Economic Zone - EEZ.

All documents will be sent electronically to the Focal Point of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Espoo Convention.

We would very much appreciate if you could submit the observations, comments and proposals of the competent authorities and the public regarding the documentation by the 29th of December 2023.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the expression of my high consideration.

Mircea FECHET
Minister

The image shows the official seal of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Romania. The seal is circular and contains the text "ROMANIA" at the top, "GUVERNUL ROMANIEI" on the left, "MINISTERUL ENERGIEI" on the right, and "REPUBLICA ROMANIA" at the bottom. In the center of the seal is the coat of arms of Romania. Overlaid on the seal is a handwritten signature in black ink.