



## REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

### Ministry of Environment and Water

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**Subject:** *Decision to determine the need for environmental impact assessment of project "Construction of Section 3 of the Rail Corridor VIII: Kriva Palanka-Border with the Republic of Bulgaria"*

**Dear Mr Duraki,**

*I would like to confirm the receipt of documentation (№ 11-5508/14.11.2017) of the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning of the Republic of Macedonia submitting us the Decision to determine the need for environmental impact assessment of the project. Through electronic mail you have sent us Civil Engineering Tunnels. Tunnel 22 as well as Geotechnical Report and Preliminary Hydrology Design in English and Non-Technical Summary of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Study – in Bulgarian and in English.*

*The submitted documentation concerns the project on the whole route rather than an assessment of the impact from the construction of the common border tunnel and the territory directly adjacent to it on which the construction and operation of the tunnel may have an impact. In this connection I would like to inform you that besides a Non-Technical Summary of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Study you should submit a Transboundary Part with impact assessment for the border section of the railway, respectively Tunnel 22, which is a part of EIA report for the investment proposal. It is needed in order to inform the public and to receive an opinion by the interested institutions in Bulgaria.*

*I would like to take the opportunity to express my highest consideration and my willingness for fruitful cooperation.*

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*Yours sincerely,*

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