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Ref.: **Terms of reference for the scop, content and format of environmental impact assessment on the project "Transmission Gas Pipeline South Stream on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria"**

To: Mrs. Nona KARADJOVA, Minister
Ministry of Environment and Water – Republic of Bulgaria

Dear Minister,

Following the receipt of the terms of reference for the scope, content and format of environmental impact assessment on the project "Transmission Gas Pipeline South Stream on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria" by letter no. OBOC – 1144/28 December 2012, we would like to inform you that Romania will not participate in the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure regarding the project "Transmission Gas Pipeline South Stream **on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria**"

We note that the documentation transmitted by the Bulgarian side refers only to the section on the pipeline that is planned to run through the territory of Bulgaria, and our reply concerns only this section. No documentation was submitted on the offshore segment of the pipeline in the Black Sea. We expect to receive a notification in respect of the environmental impact assessment of the offshore section of the gas pipeline, in accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the Espoo Convention). Romania will decide separately whether it intends to participate in the environmental impact assessment procedure in respect of the offshore section.

I would also like to inform you that Romania is willing to receive the issued administrative act for the above mentioned project, after completion of the EIA procedure on Bulgarian territory.

Please accept, Dear Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration and esteem.

MINISTER

Rovana PLUMB