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Minister Cabinet**

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To: Ministry of Environment and Water of Bulgaria

In attention of: Minister of Environment and Water of Bulgaria-Mr.Dzhevdet Chakarov

Referring to: answer to the two notifications of two projects for extraction of sand and gravel from alluvial deposits in the Danube River

Dear Mr. Minister,

Our Ministry received your two notifications no. 26-00-105/Sofia 14.05.2009 and no. 26-00-106/Sofia 14.05.2009 about the Bulgarian investment proposals for this two projects:

- Extraction of sand and gravel from alluvial deposits in the Danube river, „Mishka” site (km 462.0 – km 459.4) in the area of Babovo village, Russe district
- Extraction of sand and gravel from alluvial deposits in the Danube river, „Kama” site (km 512.0 – km 508.0) in the area of Pirgovo village, Russe district.

The Ministry of Environment of Romania expresses the intention to participate in the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure regarding the two projects. The decision to participate in the procedure is based on our considerations that the two projects especially fulfill the criteria in Annex 3 to the Espoo Convention, those stipulated in paragraph 1 letters (a) and (b) and paragraph 2.

I am looking forward for receiving, according to Article 3 paragraph 5 of the Espoo Convention, the relevant information regarding the environmental impact assessment procedure, any indication of the time schedule for transmittal of comments.

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We would like to inform you also that the first proposed project is located near the special avifaunistic protected area ROSPA0090 „Ostrovul Lung - Gostinu”, and the second proposed project is near the site of comunitary importance ROSCI0088 „Gura Vedei-Saica-Slobozia” and near the special avifaunistic protected area ROSPA0109 „Vedea-Dunăre”. We attach to the present letter two relevant maps representing the Romanian Natura 2000 sites.

To ensure the Romanian participation to the development of the ToR for transboundary EIA for these 2 projects, we can anticipate at this stage that is necessary that these three Natura 2000 sites to be taken into account and be included in an appropriate assessment as requested by the Habitats Directive 92/43/EEC on the Conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora.

In this respect, please be so kind and transmit to us, at your earliest convenience, the time schedule for the transboundary EIA procedure.

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

Yours sincerely,

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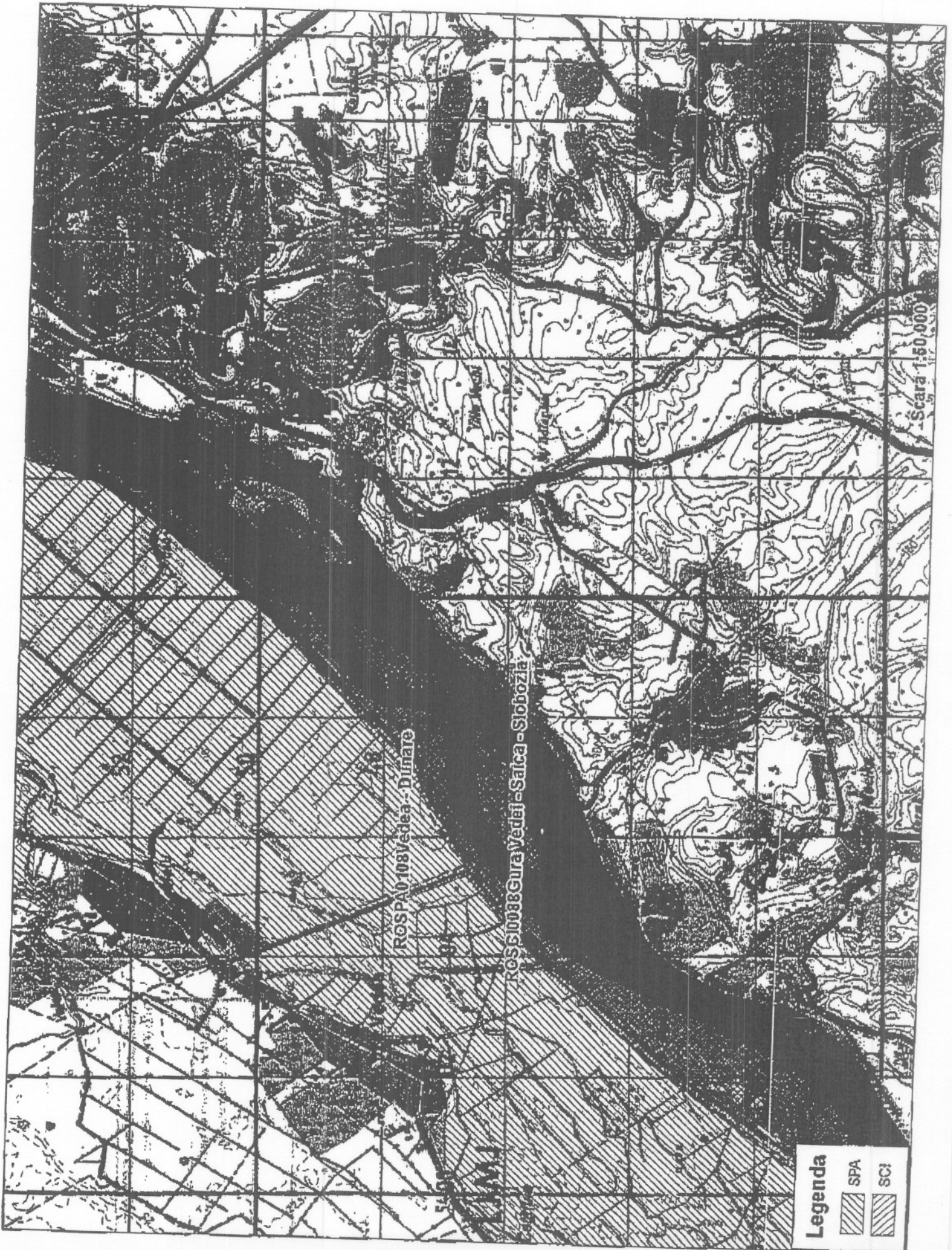
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