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Dear Mr. Wates,

Re: Communication to the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee concerning decision-making on Rosia Montana gold mine (ref. ACCC/C/2005/15)

Thank you for your letter dated 13th of May 2009 regarding the communication which has been submitted to the Compliance Committee.

Regarding the content of the communication, I would like to stress from the very beginning that the declaration made on 11 of April 2009 by the Romanian minister of environment, quoted by the communicant in its letter, was not accurately taken over and, unfortunately, presented by the media.

The evaluation procedure that the Minister was referring to in the declaration was related to the SEA procedure that is in course for the Urban Plan project for "The modification of Urban Plan for industrial development area in Rosia Montana", in accordance with the Governmental Decision no 1076/ 2004. The SEA procedure for the aforementioned plan is on going and it is in the review stage of the environmental report.

The status of EIA procedure for "Rosia Montana mining project" is unchanged.

Taken all this into account we consider that there are no new elements that could influence or withhold the Committee to conclude its consideration of communication ACCC/C/2005/15.

In conclusion, we kindly request to inform the CC with respect to the above mentioned aspects and we express our gratitude for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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