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Your reference	Date	Our reference	Date
		<b>S010233-202102-DAIA.DAP</b>	
		<b>DAIA.DAPP.00060.2013</b>	08/03/2021

Subject: Request for documentation relating to the environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure for the Barroso Mine Expansion project

Following your request, we would like to inform you that the environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure to which you refer (EIA no. 3353 concerning the Enlargement of Barroso Mine project) is still in the phase of analysis of the conformity of the respective Environmental Impact Study (EIS), pursuant to the provisions of Article 14 of Decree-Law no. 151-B/2013, of 31 October, as amended and republished by Decree-Law no. 152-B/2017 of 11 December.

This phase aims to assess whether the referred study contains all the necessary information for the environmental assessment of the project or if, on the contrary, it is necessary to submit additional elements. In this context, the procedure is suspended, under the terms of the aforementioned Article 14.

If it is concluded, as a result of the analysis of the conformity of the EIS, that all the necessary information is present, the Assessment Committee (AC), appointed under article 9 of Decree-Law no. 151-B/2013, of 31 October, as amended, will resume its technical assessment, while the EIA authority, in turn, will promote the publication and dissemination of the EIA procedure, initiating a public consultation, which takes place for a period of 30 working days and under the terms of article 28 of the same law.

For the purposes of public consultation and participation, the documentation submitted by the proponent is to be made available, namely, the EIS and respective Addenda that may be presented within the context of the above mentioned conformity analysis.

It is hereby ensured that when the public consultation is triggered, you will be notified of the same, so that you can access the information available on the project and its environmental assessment and, if you so wish, comment on it.

After completion of the EIA procedure, the decision issued by the EIA authority, the Opinion of the Assessment Committee and the Public Consultation Report will be made available to the public through the EIA Information System hosted on the Agency's website (<https://siaia.apambiente.pt/AIA.aspx?ID=3353>).

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(Solicita-se que na resposta seja indicada a referência deste documento)



Finally, it is informed that within the scope of the EIA procedure in question, a cross-border consultation with the Kingdom of Spain will be promoted, in compliance with the requirements laid down in European and international law currently in force on environmental assessment of projects and under the terms of the “Protocol of Action between the Government of the Portuguese Republic and the Government of the Kingdom of Spain on the application to environmental assessments of plans, programmes and projects with transboundary effects”.

Yours faithfully

On behalf of the Member of the Management Board of APA

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