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Subject: Consultation of process by DGPC - Environmental Impact Asessment

Questions have been raised about the response to the request for consultation of the file of this the environmental impact assessment procedure relating to the Barroso mines, in the municipality of Boticas, so we have today requested the opinion of the Commission for Access to Administrative Data (CADA) on the matter.

At issue is Article 18(2) of Law No. 26/2016, under the heading "Rejection of access request", which states that "When the request refers to a procedure in ongoing procedure, the entity will send it to the entity coordinating the procedure, which will inform the the foreseeable deadline for its conclusion, as well as the legal provisions foreseen in the respective procedure, concerning the access to information".

This provision seems to conflict with the cohesion of the regime of the diploma, in what concerns the access to documents contained in the own files of the entities participating in the EIA EIA processes, since it is admissible that the coordinating entity will always be the one to will always decide on this access, regardless of the phase of the procedure.

Yours faithfully,

O Diretor-geral

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