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**Subject: Your complaint concerning the lignite quarry in the Gorj County  
(related to the EU Pilot 5804/13/ENVI)**

Dear Ms Lungu, dear Ms Rădulescu,

I refer to your complaint concerning the non-compliance of a lignite quarry extension in Rovinari, Gorj County with the Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment (hereinafter: EIA Directive).

Hereby, I would like to provide you with an update on your complaint file.

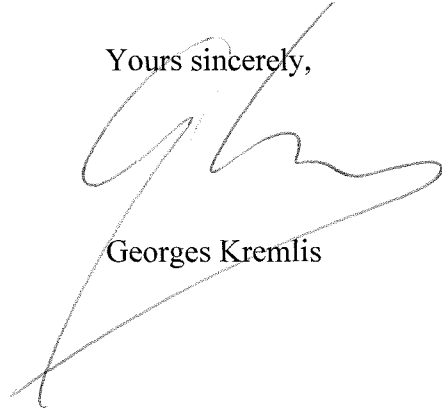
Following the dialogue we have initiated with the Romanian authorities through the EU Pilot system (file 5804/13/ENVI), we have reached the conclusion that doubts related to a possible infringement of EU law persist. We have therefore opened an infringement case under the reference number 2014/4239.

On 27/11/2014, the Commission addressed a Letter of Formal Notice to the Romanian Government, under Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The main grievances addressed relate to Articles 2(1), 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of the EIA Directive. In the same communication, the Commission equally pointed out a similar practice in relation with other authorizations of quarry extensions in the Gorj Country.

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We shall be waiting for a reply from the Romanian authorities to assess it, and subsequently keep you informed of the follow-up.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Kremlis', written over the typed name.

Georges Kremlis