

**EIB response e-mail to the NGO letter regarding the EIB's potential involvement in the  
Moscow-St.Petersburg motorway project**

Subject: OPEN LETTER

Date: Wed, 03 Feb 2010

Dear Ms Chirikova and Mr Matveev,

We would like to thank you for conveying to us the attached open letter from NGOs addressed to Mr. Philippe Maystadt, President of the European Investment Bank (EIB), and to Mr. Hakan Lucius, Head of the EIB's Civil Society Division, and concerning the Moscow-St Petersburg Motorway project in the Russian Federation. President Maystadt and Mr. Lucius have asked us to reply to you.

Thank you again for raising with us the issues you highlighted in your letter, of which, please be reassured, the EIB is well aware. We would like to inform you that the Bank is still in the process of appraising this project. Within this framework, please note that an independent consultant has been hired to address any weaknesses identified in the public consultation process that was carried out. At the request of the potential financiers, a comprehensive stakeholder engagement plan has been drafted. The plan is about to be launched and we strongly encourage you to get involved and contribute to the process. To this end, the concessionaire is setting up a website to keep all stakeholders informed of progress and discussions.

We would like to thank you again for your interest and involvement in this project. We would be grateful if you could inform the other signatories of this reply.

Best regards,

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