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**Subject: Phosphogypsum storage in Negotin municipality**  
**Reference: Your e-mail PISMO - APEL za amb. g. Devenporta, dated 11.01.2015.**

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your email of 11 January 2015. Ambassador Davenport has asked me to reply on his behalf.

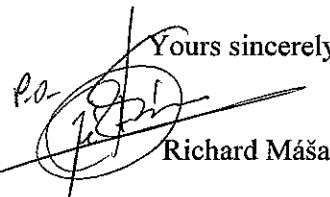
I have taken note of your concerns as regards the planned expansion of a facility for storage/disposal of phosphogypsum (PG) in the Negotin area. In the EU the main pieces of legislation regulating the management of this waste are the Waste Framework Directive<sup>1</sup> and the Landfill Directive<sup>2</sup>. Depending on the size of the proposed storage facility other legislation – notably the outgoing directive on Industrial Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) and new Industrial Emission Directive may come into play.

I understand that the proposed project is at the stage of environmental impact assessment and that a first public hearing on the EIA study has been held. We are encouraging the Serbian authorities to follow EU best practice as regards participation of the public concerned in environmental decision making processes and trust that the relevant provisions available in Serbian legislation will be fully respected also in the case in hand.

Let me close by saying that environmental protection is a key element in the EU's dialogue with Serbia and plays a prominent role in our financial assistance to the country.

Trusting that you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

*P.O.*  
  
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cc: **Michael DAVENPORT, Ambassador/Head of Delegation**  
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<sup>1</sup> In particular Articles 12 and 13, Directive 2008/98/EC

<sup>2</sup> Council Directive 99/31/EC