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Re: 23 April 2021 No. 11-1-1/113-ишо

Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania presents its compliments to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus and welcomes the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for construction of the ammonium thiosulfate plant near the City of Grodno (hereinafter referred to as the Project) provided with its letter of 23 April 2021 No.11-1-1/113-ишо.

Acting in accordance with provisions of the UN Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter referred to as the Espoo Convention) and national legislation, we have consulted relevant governmental and public institutions, as well as the general public and received a number of concerns, related to potential negative impact of the Project on the environment and human health.

We acknowledge and are thankful for the fact the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of the Republic of Belarus has provided the full text of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report. However, due to high concerns and reservations of our governmental institutions and neighbouring municipalities we would like to ask for additional consultations, involving not only the Ministries of both countries, but also the above mentioned institutions, municipalities and the general public.

Evidently, international meetings and consultations in person are not possible due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and related safety measures and restrictions. Therefore we would like to ask you for a remote online session of consultations between representatives of the developers of the Project, related EIA experts, Ministries of both countries, concerned governmental institutions and municipalities and general public of Lithuania. The main objective of the session would be to discuss the most outstanding issues and provide direct responses to the concerned parties.

We are looking forward to your reply and will make every effort to assist in organising such consultations. In order to facilitate and speed up the process of agreeing upon the timetable and solving practical issues for arranging the online session we suggest direct communication on a less formal working basis with representatives of our Pollution Prevention Policy Group, via e-mail mindaugas.raulinaitis@am.lt, with a copy to beata.vilimaite@am.lt.

Sincerely,
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