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Nino Tandilashvili  
Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection  
and Agriculture

Dear Ms. Tandilashvili,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the status of the Poti Expansion Project (PXP) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submission on Wednesday March 23rd. I would like to record our concerns regarding the additional technical questions that were raised by your team on Monday March 21st and your proposal to publish details on your website to allow public comments.

The questions raised by your experts, including anticipated waves within the turning basin, maximum vessel draft allowed, position of the breakwater and methodology of construction, relate to design issues which have been considered and confirmed by our professional engineers. Our engineers have designed our project to all relevant local and international design & construction codes. We can if required provide responses to specific environmental questions to your experts, we are however not in a position to share detailed design information which will be placed on a website and be subject to public review. Any technical details have been and will continue to be discussed with the TCSA, MTA, and the Ministry of the Economy.

We are concerned that our EIA continues to be delayed, and that further requests for information to be shared with the public will delay the process further. We would request an explanation of why the Ministry cannot make a decision based on the information provided to you and your experts.

Please note, that we have provided all required information for purposes of the environmental evaluation, strictly followed the process and framework as dictated by the law having initiated our formal application #91 sent on the 18/05/2021.

Best regards,

  
Barry Folkes  
Project Manager  
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