Agency for Inland Waterways

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Ministry of Culture

Nature Protection Directorate

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Zagreb, 27 July 2010

The Ministry of Culture, pursuant to the provision of Article 37, paragraph 3 of the Nature Protection Act (Official Gazette No. 70/05 and 139/08), concerning a request for carrying out of assessment of acceptability of the project for the ecological network in the framework of the assessment of need for environmental impact assessment, which, on behalf of the developer, Agency for Inland Waterways, was submitted by the authorized person Hidroing d.o.o. from Osijek, is issuing the following

**CERTIFICATE**

confirming that the planned project: Regulation of the Danube waterway at Sotin from rkm 1321 to rkm 1325, in the area of Sotin, Municipality of Vukovar, in the Vukovar-Srijem County, by the developer, Agency for Inland Waterways, will not have a significant impact on the ecological network i.e. conservation objectives.

**Grounds for decision**

The Ministry of Culture, Nature Protection Directorate received on 27 July 2010 a request which, on behalf of the developer, Agency for Inland Waterways, was submitted by the authorized person Hidroing d.o.o. from Osijek, for carrying out of the appropriate assessment of the impact of project on the ecological network for the planned project: Regulation of the Danube waterway at Sotin from rkm 1321 to rkm 1325 in the Vukovar-Srijem County.

The Ministry of Culture determined, upon inspection of the submitted study Regulation of the Danube waterway at Sotin from rkm 1321 to rkm 1325 from May 2010, and the conducted procedure, that the project in question is located within the areas important for wild taxa and types of habitat, code and title HR2000372 Danube Vukovar and HR2001105 Skendra-Orlovnjak. From the opinion issued by the State Institute for Nature Protection, Reg. No.: 1345/09-4 of 4 August 2009, it is evident that the possibility of significant negative impacts on conservation objectives and integrity of the ecological network can be excluded.

By good organization of the construction site, use of contemporary technology which fulfils all prescribed certificates, compliance with all proscribed measures of nature and environmental protection and supervision during performance of works, it is not expected that the planned project will have a significant impact on the ecological network i.e. conservation objectives. Therefore, the developer is not obliged to carry out the main appropriate assessment of the impact of project on the ecological network.

Sincerely,

Republic of Croatia

 Ministry of Culture

Zagreb

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 Director Kornelija Pintarić

 (signed)

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