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Pursuant to Article 20, paragraph 5 of the Law on the Environmental Impact Assessment ("Official Gazette of RS", no. 135/04),

the Minister of Science and Environmental Protection is hereby adopting the following

R U L E B O O K

on the procedure of public review, presentation and public hearing regarding the environmental impact assessment

Article 1

The Rulebook hereof prescribes in detail the procedure of public review, presentation and public hearing regarding the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter: Impact Assessment Study).

Article 2

The competent body shall provide for public review, organize the presentation and public hearing on the Impact Assessment Study.

The presentation of the Impact Assessment Study for public review shall be implemented within seven days as of receiving the request to issue consent to the Impact Assessment Study.

The presentation of the Impact Assessment Study for public review shall be advertised in a daily, and/or local newspaper in each of the official languages published within the area to be encompassed by the impact of the planned project, and/or activity, and shall last at least 20 days as of the date of notification.

The presentation of the Impact Assessment Study for public review may also be implemented by way of electronic media.

The advertising of the presentation of the Impact Assessment Study for public review shall be implemented by the competent body.

The advertisement of the presentation of the Impact Assessment Study for public review shall contain the following: full name of the body implementing the advertising, name of the Impact Assessment Study the presentation is being advertised for, data on the time and place of presentation of the Impact Assessment Study for public review, data on the time and place of public presentation and public hearing, method whereby interested bodies and organizations and the public may

obtain information on the Impact Assessment Study and file objections, as well as other information that may be of importance for the public review process.

Article 3

The Impact Assessment Study shall be presented for public review in the premises of the competent body in a separate room or in a separate room designated for presenting the Impact Assessment Study for public review.

If consent for the Impact Assessment Study is issued by the ministry competent for environmental protection affairs, and/or the competent autonomous province body, the Impact Assessment Study shall be presented in the premises of the local self-government body of the territory wherein the project implementation is planned.

The competent body shall post the advertisement on the presentation of the Impact Assessment Study for public review on a visible place on the entrance to the administrative building, with precisely listed times when review may be undertaken.

If the Impact Assessment Study is presented for public review in a separate room, a notification needs to be posted at the entrance to the building or in the central hall of the building on the room where the Impact Assessment Study is presented for public review and the time when review may be undertaken.

Article 4

The competent body shall provide the required information and assistance in interpreting certain solutions and potential filing of objections and opinions to the Impact Assessment Study for all interested bodies and organizations and the public undertaking review into the presented Impact Assessment Study.

Interested bodies, organizations and the public shall submit objections and opinions to the presented Impact Assessment Study during the public review period in written form and submit them to the competent body that presented the Impact Assessment Study for public review.

During the period of public review the competent body shall keep records on the implemented public review (in the form of a journal of official note), comprising an integral part of the documentation on the implemented public review.

Article 5

The competent body shall provide for keeping minutes during the public hearing wherein all objections, proposals and opinions given during the public hearing shall be entered.

Data on the time and place of holding the public hearing, all those present at the public hearing and a list of all participants in the hearing shall be entered into the minutes for the public hearing.

The project leader shall participate in the public presentation and public hearing of the Impact Assessment Study.

During the public hearing all present legal and natural persons having submitted objections to the Impact Assessment Study in written form may be given a certain amount of time to elaborate the objections before the competent body and project leader. The project leader shall have an opinion on all presented objections and publicly present it before the competent body, the objecting party and those present at the public hearing.

Article 6

Interested bodies and organizations and the interested public shall submit objections and opinions on the Impact Assessment Study in written form and submit them to the competent body during the period of public review.

Article 7

The competent body shall submit to the project leader an overview of opinions with proposals for amendments to the Impact Assessment Study within 15 days as of the end of the public hearing, based on the opinions of the interested bodies and organizations and the interested public.

The project leader shall submit to the competent body the Impact Assessment Study amended as needed with the overview of opinions and proposals as per paragraph 1 of the Article hereof within 15 days as of the date of their reception.

The competent body shall submit this study with the systematized overview of opinions by the interested bodies and organizations and the interested public and the report on the implemented impact assessment procedure to the technical commission within 15 days as of the date of receiving the amended Impact Assessment Study.

Article 8

The Rulebook hereof shall come into force on the eighth day as of the date of publication in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia".

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Minister,
Dr Aleksandar Popović, duly signed