

Ministry of the Environment  
and Water Management,  
Hon. Ms. Sulfina BARBU,  
Minister of the Environment  
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**Re: The Historic Center of Roșia Montană - Cultural Heritage Management Plan**

Madam Minister,

We would like to draw your attention to a problem which we consider to be of the utmost urgency concerning the site of Roșia Montană.

During December 2005 / April 2006 our company, S.C. OPUS - Atelier de arhitectură S.R.L. / OPUS Architecture Studio Ltd (OPUS), wrote the "Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Historical Centre of the Village of Roșia Montană" - a report commissioned by S.C. ROȘIA MONTANĂ GOLD CORPORATION S.A (RMGC).

The undersigned, the authors of this report, were asked - as representatives of OPUS and as certified architects and specialists in architectural restoration, urbanism and the investigation of historical monuments, accredited by the Romanian Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs - to deliver a professional assessment, in the form of an expert report, regarding exclusively the Historic Center of Roșia Montană.

This document was to be potentially included in the "Environmental Impact Assessment Report of the Mining Project" for the Roșia Montană site, a report that RMGC was to submit to the Ministry of the Environment and Water Management for permitting.

We found that our report can be retraced but fragmentarily in the "Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the Mining Project in Roșia Montană" (EIA) submitted by RMGC to the Ministry.

We wish to emphasize that our professional opinions formulated in our study cannot be disjointed, neither in form nor in content, without radically distorting the conclusions.

Therefore, we would like to stress the fact that in the EIA submitted by RMGC the most important conclusions of "The Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Historical Centre of the Village of Roşia Montană" devised by our company, are missing, incomplete or have been used in a context different from their original one.

Consequently, OPUS will not endorse the conclusions on the management of the cultural heritage of the Historical Center of Roşia Montană, as they are presented in the "Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the Roşia Montană Mining Project" submitted by RMGC to the Ministry of the Environment and Water Management.

We consider as our professional duty to present you with the original and complete "Cultural Patrimony Management Plan for the Historical Center of the Village of Roşia Montană" elaborated by OPUS, that you will find appended to this letter. For your convenience, we have highlighted the most important paragraphs that were modified or removed.

We do hope that our letter will provide you with all the elements to reach an enlightened decision on Roşia Montană, a site of public interest and of great local, national and universal importance.

Yours sincerely,

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