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**Statement on the Environmental Impact Assessment Study for the Rosia Montana Economic Area**

Even though the study appears to be scientific and comprehensive, a careful reading will show that it is in fact made up of words and data compiled from various sources which often have no relevance for or connection with the area under investigation. Numerous and irrelevant data is presented in no way significant for an impact assessment study. The text is loaded with scientific terms or information which is not relevant for the area under study, which can be used to describe any Central European region (e.g. p. 56-58 useful or abandoned insects)

In the cases where data was collected from PhD. candidates (data on benthos, water physics and chemical data) or ornithologists, no interpretation or justification of the choices are made or the methods used which in reality have served another purpose. The planned works with also impact two hunting grounds and of course the vertebrates present there. This aspect was also watered down. Rivers are poor in fish species also because of pollution, a problem which can be easily addressed if mining related pollution is reduced.

The EIA report the company has presented cannot be considered an impact assessment study for the following reasons:

- the information presented is too general, not specific and which makes no reference to the impact area
- the report includes information which is not relevant for the Rosia Montana area
- the impact of the project is clearly minimized and understated
- the report is riddled with unscientific speculations
- in cases where data was available (e.g. for avi-fauna and benthos) the interpretations and conclusions put forward are irrelevant
- the entire report is a study written by dilettants, not by specialists.

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