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### **A new stage in the EIA procedure - send your suggestions and opinion on the Annex to the EIA Report**

After a complex and lengthy consultation period in summer 2006, Romania's ministry for the Environment published in May 2007 the answers given by Gabriel Resources to the concerns raised during the public consultation period. A total of 21425 people, organisations and municipalities from Romania and abroad had submitted comments, suggestions and contestations during this process. Gabriel Resources' replies are presented in the form of a so-called Annex to the EIA Report (Annex). After a careful analysis of the Annex, Alburnus Maior has published a collection of replies and opinions to it. These were submitted to the ministry for the Environment with a request to recommend the government to reject an environmental accord.

You too can and should send your opinion on the quality of answers provided by Gabriel Resources to Romania's Ministry for the Environment. Take out the time to read some of the experts' arguments where you can also find all contact details for Romania's ministry for the Environment are provided in each expert reply.

[Experts' arguments](#)

[Read the contestation](#)

### **Letter of the president of ICOMOS to the Prime Minister of Romania**

Michael Petzet, the president of ICOMOS sent an open letter to the Prime Minister of Romania, Calin Popescu Tariceanu, expressing his deep concern regarding the Rosia Montana project. The open letter emphasizes on ICOMOS strong will to support any initiative for the preservation of the historic monuments and sites in the area.

[Read the open letter](#)

### **Letter of the Orthodox Archbishop Bartolomeu to Attila Korodi, Romanian Ministry for the Environment**

The Orthodox Archbishop Bartolomeu addressed an open letter on July, the 2nd to the Ministry of the Environment, asking Mr. Korodi to use all his diligence and to apply all legal means conferred upon him by his function to save Rosia Montana, Transylvania and the neighboring areas from an impending ecological disaster.

[Read the open letter](#)

### **With or without cyanide, Gabriel will never mine Rosia Montana**

During a national television show, the Romanian Government for the first time admitted that the mine proposal at Rosia Montana is not in the public interest and as such no expropriation can take place. Moreover Mr Korodi added that 'The environmental study is designed for an investment where no human habitat is present in the area. The moment when a single family remains, an eventual environmental permit granted under the Romanian legislation will no longer be valid as the basic conditions would have been different'.

[Read the press release](#)

**FânFest Rosia Montana 2007, the 4th edition of the most important environmental festival in Romania**

FânFest , the hay festival of Rosia Montana will take place in the last weekend of August (24-26) gathering young people from the country and from abroad in a celebration of nature and civic attitude. The program will include workshops and presentations on environmental issues, video-projections, theatre, music, a green market, a children area and much more. The following weeks the English version of the fanfest.ro will be updated. The organising team has started the work for the festival, which is an non-profit event, with no commercial sponsors. Please consider supporting the festival through your donation so that Rosia Montana green festival could take place and flourish.

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