

Press Information

Greenpeace Romania and Centre for Legal Resources call the Ministry of Environment and Forests **to deny the documentation** submitted by the company Rosia Montana Gold Corporation in order to obtain the environmental permit to start the exploitation of the gold deposit at Rosia Montana.

This request is a **preliminary statement of complaint**, according to the Law 554/2004 on administrative litigation procedure, with subsequent additions and revisions. The Ministry of the Environment and Forests has 30 calendar days to reject this documentation, which does not comply with the law. Lack of response or refusal to do so will entail the start of the legal proceedings.

“The documentation submitted with the Ministry of the Environment and Forests is outdated. According to the sentence 157/2007 issued by the Appeal Court in Brasov , the Carnic Mountain cannot be exploited anymore, so it must be excluded from the project”, stated Catalina Radulescu, lawyer, representing the Centre for Legal Resources.

Taking into account this final judgement, the documentation submitted with the Ministry of the Environment is practically incomplete. Thus, the minister should reject it. The investment company should restore the original project, by excluding the Carnic Mountain from the area proposed for exploitation and resume the assessment and authorization procedure, if it still wants to complete this project.

“The Carnic Mountain must be protected, considering its archaeological value of a great importance. Greenpeace requested the minister of Culture and National Heritage to start the emergency procedure for including Rosia Montana area in UNESCO heritage”, said Crisanta Lungu, Greenpeace campaign coordinator.

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