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Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Croatia

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Closing ceremony of the project “Enhanced environmental inspection for enforcement of the new environmental legislation” (EU PHARE 2005 Programme)

Thursday, January 21st, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Croatian State Archives, Marulić square 21, Zagreb

All media are invited to the to the closing ceremony of the project “Enhanced environmental inspection for enforcement of the new environmental legislation” financed under EU PHARE 2005 Programme for Croatia. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, January 21st, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Croatian State Archives, Marulić square 21, Zagreb. Mr. Richard Masa, Second Secretary, Delegation of the EU to Croatia, Ms. Josipa Blažević-Perušić, State Secretary, MEPPPC, will address the participants. Press conference will be held after the ceremony at 11 :00 a.m.

The objective of the project was to ensure that the MEPPPC could meet the enhanced environmental inspection needs and to assist the Directorate of Inspection, as the responsible body within the MEPPPC, in training the Environmental Inspectors in relation to the new Environmental Legislation which will implement EU law in Croatia. Supply contracts have provided a range of IT, Communications and video conferencing equipment to support efficient environmental protection inspection.

The Project had five specific objectives: Development of proposal for enhancement of inspection structure to the requirements set out under the New Environmental Legislation; Develop system for continuous education of Inspectors in the future (Train the trainer); Train inspectors (environmental protection inspectors and other line inspectors involved in environmental protection inspection and inform Industry NGOs and Local /Regional Government on their new responsibilities regarding environmental protection; Establish and support Pilot Team in order to define ways of cooperation and proceeding in cases of environmental damage; and Develop an enhanced IT reporting system for the improvement of informing public which will be functional and available to inspectors for using it after the end of the project.

These projects worth € 2,046 million has been financed by the European Union (1.902,468 €) and by Republic of Croatia (144,156 €) was implemented by company PM Group, Ireland and the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction acting as the main beneficiary institution. The implementation of the project started in January 2008 and lasted until November 2009.

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