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<b>1. INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY</b>	
<b>(i) Information on the nature of the proposed activity</b>	
Type of activity proposed	Continuous development of hydrocarbon production wells and expansion of capacity of associated surface facilities
Is the proposed activity listed in appendix I to the Convention?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></b>
Scope of proposed activity (e.g. main activity and any/all peripheral activities requiring assessment)	<p>Surface impact areas:</p> <p>Air quality and noise protection impact area for establishment and normal operation: Areas within the mining plot: the administrative areas of Sarkad, Sarkadkeresztúr, Okány, Mezőgyán, and Tarhos.</p> <p>Combined emergency air quality impact area: The administrative areas of Sarkad, Sarkadkeresztúr, Tarhos, and Okány.</p> <p>Subsurface impact area: Areas within the mining plot: the administrative areas of Sarkad, Sarkadkeresztúr, Okány, Mezőgyán, and Tarhos.</p>
Scale of proposed activity (e.g. size, production capacity)	<p>Area of the mining plot: 64.96 km<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Planned production volumes: Natural gas: 1,500,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day Crude oil: 2,300 m<sup>3</sup>/day – approx. 1,300 t/day Cold condensate: 240 m<sup>3</sup>/day Produced water: 600 m<sup>3</sup>/day</p>
Description of proposed activity (e.g. technology used)	Establishment of hydrocarbon wells and hydrocarbon production within the mining plot. At the Gas Plant, the incoming production stream is separated, processed, legally measured, and prepared for transport.
Description of purpose of proposed activity	Expansion of the existing Gas Plant's capacity, utilisation of low-pressure gases, elimination of continuous flaring, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
Rationale for proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic basis, physical geographic basis)	To ensure that as large a share as possible of Hungary's natural gas demand is supplied from domestic production, and to provide feedstock supply for the domestic chemical industry.
Additional information/comments	<p>Over the past years, six hydrocarbon wells have been drilled and put into production within the Sarkad I mining plot. The Gas Plant located within the mining area receives the production streams from these wells. The produced natural gas is transported through pipelines into the national transmission network.</p> <p>The planned developments would enable the extraction of the hydrocarbon reserves located within the mining plot, supported by significant</p>

	environmental investments, including the technical measures necessary for eliminating continuous flaring and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. No negative environmental impacts have been observed as a result of the mining activities carried out in recent years, and no emergency incidents have occurred.
<b>(ii) Information on the spatial and temporal boundaries of the proposed activity</b>	
Location	The Sarkad I hydrocarbon mining plot covers the areas of the municipalities of Sarkad, Sarkadkeresztúr, Mezögyán, Okány, and Tarhos.
Description of the location (e.g. physical-geographic characteristics, socio-economic characteristics)	See Chapter 4 of the permitting documentation (pp. 47–62).
Rationale for location of proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic basis, physical-geographic basis)	Mining activities may only be carried out within a designated and authorised mining plot, which in this case is the area of the Sarkad I mining plot.
Time frame for proposed activity (e.g. start and duration of construction and operation)	The duration of the activity corresponds to the authorised period for mining operations within the mining plot, as approved and renewed by the authority through the Technical Operating Plan.
Maps and other pictorial documents connected with the information on the proposed activity	The maps are included in the annexes of the permitting documentation and its supplements.
Additional information/comments	
<b>(iii) Information on expected environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures</b>	
Scope of assessment (e.g. consideration of: cumulative impacts, evaluation of alternatives, sustainable development issues, impact of peripheral activities)	See Chapters 6 and 7 of the permitting documentation (pp. 89–290).
Expected environmental impacts of proposed activity (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)	See Chapter 7 of the permitting documentation (pp. 220–290).
Inputs (e.g. raw material, power sources)	Water use: 13,000 m <sup>3</sup> /year Electricity consumption: 400 MWh/month
Outputs (e.g. amounts and types of: emissions into the atmosphere, discharges into the water system, solid waste)	Air emissions: see Chapter 7 (from p. 220) and Chapter 10 (from p. 306) of the permitting documentation. Waste: Non-hazardous waste: Drilling: approx. 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> Gas Plant: 2,000 kg Hazardous waste: Drilling: 1,200 tonnes Gas Plant: 10 tonnes Produced water: 600 m <sup>3</sup> /day
Transboundary impacts (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)	<b><u>There are no transboundary impacts, neither regarding surface nor subsurface effects.</u></b>
Proposed mitigation measures (e.g. if known, mitigation measures to prevent, eliminate, minimize, compensate for environmental effects)	The implementation of the developments to be authorised would make it possible to reduce the environmental burden of the current operations (including the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions).
Additional information/comments	
<b>(iv) Proponent/developer</b>	
Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	

(v) EIA documentation	
Is the EIA documentation (e.g. EIA report or EIS) included in the notification?	<u>Yes</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/>
If the answer to the above is no or partially, description of additional documentation to be forwarded and (approximate) date(s) when documentation will be available	
Additional information/comments	
<b>2. POINTS OF CONTACT</b>	
<b>(i) Points of contact for the possible affected Party or Parties</b>	
Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the EIA (refer to decision I/3, appendix) - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	<p>General Directorate for Impact Assessment and Pollution Control Ministry of Environment, Water and Forests 12, Blvd. Libertatii, Sector 5 RO - 040129 BUCHAREST</p> <p>National Point of Contact of the Espoo Convention Ms. Dorina MOCANU Telephone: +40 21 408 9595 E-mail: <a href="mailto:dorina.mocanu@mmediu.ro">dorina.mocanu@mmediu.ro</a> Ms. Anca APREUTESEI Telephone: +40 21 408 95 95 E-mail: <a href="mailto:anca.apreutesei@mmediu.ro">anca.apreutesei@mmediu.ro</a> Ms. Ana STANCIU Telephone: +40 21 408 95 95 E-mail: <a href="mailto:anamaria.stanciu@mmediu.ro">anamaria.stanciu@mmediu.ro</a></p>
List of affected Parties to which notification is being sent	Romania
<b>(ii) Points of contact for the Party of origin</b>	
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Decision-making authority if different than authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the EIA - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	<p>Government Office of Békés County (Békés Vármegyei Kormányhivatal) 5600 Békéscsaba, Derkovits sor 2. 5601 Békéscsaba, Pf. 389. <a href="mailto:hivatal@bekes.gov.hu">hivatal@bekes.gov.hu</a> Telefon: +36 66 622 000</p>
<b>3. INFORMATION ON THE EIA PROCESS IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY IS LOCATED</b>	
<b>(i) Information on the EIA process that will be applied to the proposed activity</b>	
Time schedule	
Opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to be involved in the EIA process	
Opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to review and comment on the notification and the EIA documentation	

Nature and timing of the possible decision	
Process for approval of the proposed activity	
Additional information/comments	
<b>4. INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</b>	
Public participation procedures	
Expected start and duration of public consultation	
Additional information/comments	
<b>5. DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE</b>	
Date	26 January 2026