Prague, dated 7 March 2025 Ref. No.: MZP/2025/710/813

## "New Nuclear Facility at the Dukovany Site" – Information on the Issuance of Decisions on Appeals Against Zoning Decisions

**I.** The project "New Nuclear Facility at the Dukovany Site" was subject to transboundary assessment in accordance with Section 13 of Act No. 100/2001 Coll., on Environmental Impact Assessment and on Amendments to Certain Related Acts (the Environmental Impact Assessment Act), as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "EIA Act"), which concluded with the issuance of a positive binding opinion on the environmental impact assessment of the project pursuant to Section 9a of the EIA Act under reference number MZP/2019/710/7762 dated 30 August 2019.

By letter ref. no. MZP/2021/710/3123 dated 17 August 2021, supplemented by letter ref. no. MZP/2021/710/4553 dated 2 September 2021, we informed you, based on Article 7(3) of Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (hereinafter referred to as the "EIA Directive"), and in accordance with Section 13(6) of the EIA Act, about the initiation of zoning proceedings for the project "New Nuclear Facility at the Dukovany Site." We also informed you about the possibility for the affected public to register as participants in the zoning proceedings, to comment on the ongoing zoning proceedings, and we provided you with a link to download the documentation for the zoning proceedings.

By letter ref. no. MZP/2023/710/3680 dated 30 October 2023, we informed you, based on Article 9(1) and (2) of the EIA Directive and in accordance with Section 13(6) of the EIA Act, about the issuance of zoning decisions for the project "New Nuclear Facility at the Dukovany Site" within the framework of zoning proceedings that are follow-up proceedings pursuant to Section 3(g) of the EIA Act. These decisions establish the location of the project within the territory. They do not constitute a construction permit, which, under Czech law and within the meaning of the EIA Directive, serves as the project (construction) permit.

Specifically, the decisions concern:

1) The zoning proceeding for the construction of "Connection of the NJZ EDU to Transport Infrastructure" and

2) The joint zoning proceeding for the following constructions: "Drainage of Stormwater from NJZ EDU via Lipňanský Stream, including its Retention", "Set of Constructions within the Nuclear Facility Premises 'New Nuclear Facility at the Dukovany Site", "Underground 110 kV Cable Lines from the NJZ EDU to the TR Slavětice Substation", "400 kV Line – Power Output V883 and V884 for NJZ EDU", "Raw Water Supply Pipelines from VD Mohelno and New Reservoir for NJZ EDU", "Discharge of Wastewater from NJZ EDU and MVE", "Discharge of Wastewater from NJZ EDU Construction into the Skryjská Reservoir", "Discharge of Stormwater from NJZ EDU Area into the

Skryjská Reservoir", "Discharge of Stormwater from NJZ EDU Area into the Lipňanský Stream", "Discharge of Stormwater from NJZ EDU Construction Site Facilities into the Heřmanický Stream", "Purpose-built Roads to Ensure Access to Third-Party Land within the ZS NJZ EDU Construction Site Area."

In this letter, we also informed you of the content of both zoning decisions and of the possibility for the affected public to lodge an appeal against both zoning decisions, even if they were not participants in the first-instance proceedings. Additionally, we provided you with links to download the key supporting documents for the issuance of both zoning decisions.

Appeals against both zoning decisions were lodged by selected participants in the proceedings, including certain members of the affected public from the Czech Republic and the Republic of Austria.

Now, as the affected state, we inform you, pursuant to Article 9(1) and (2) of the EIA Directive and in accordance with Section 13(6) of the EIA Act, about the issuance of decisions on appeals against the aforementioned zoning decisions for the project "New Nuclear Facility at the Dukovany Site," confirming these zoning decisions (see below). There is no further right of appeal against these decisions.

II. <u>The Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic received the following</u> <u>decisions from the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic regarding the</u> <u>project "New Nuclear Facility at the Dukovany Site" on 28 February 2025</u>, which were issued in the aforementioned appeal proceedings:

# 1) Zoning Decision ref. no. MPO 23256/2025 dated 27 February 2025 for the construction "Connection of the NJZ EDU to Transport Infrastructure," which was published on the official notice board of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic on 28 February 2025.

This decision pertains to the ruling of the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic on the appeals lodged by participants in the proceedings against the zoning decision of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic dated 30 October 2023.

The reasoning of the decision states that the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic first reviewed the compliance of the zoning decision and the preceding proceedings with legal regulations. Based on this review, the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic concluded that the zoning decision is complete, reviewable, and properly justified. The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic had all the necessary documents for its issuance, including the complete documentation for the zoning decision and all required decisions, binding opinions, statements, and opinions of the relevant authorities, as well as statements, opinions, and communications from the administrators and owners of technical and transport infrastructure and other selected entities. The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic thoroughly assessed the construction from all legally prescribed perspectives, the cumulative fulfilment of which was a prerequisite for issuing the zoning decision. In the zoning decision, the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic also addressed all objections

raised by participants in the proceedings in a reviewable and comprehensive manner based on the case file. In the zoning decision and the preceding proceedings, the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic did not find any defects that would render the zoning decision unlawful.

The Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic then examined in detail each appeal argument raised by the participants in the proceedings. The binding opinions contested by the appeals were confirmed by superior administrative authorities, and the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic is bound by these reviews of the binding opinions. The Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic found the appeal arguments to be unsubstantiated and concluded that the zoning decision is correct and in compliance with legal regulations.

In view of the above, the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic dismissed the appeals lodged by the participants in the proceedings and confirmed the zoning decision of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic dated 30 October 2023.

2) Joint Zoning Decision ref. no. MPO 23262/2025 dated 27 February 2025 for the constructions "Drainage of Stormwater from NJZ EDU via Lipňanský Stream, including its Retention", "Set of Constructions within the Nuclear Facility Premises 'New Nuclear Facility at the Dukovany Site'", "Underground 110 kV Cable Lines from the NJZ EDU to the TR Slavětice Substation", "400 kV Line – Power Output V883 and V884 for NJZ EDU", "Raw Water Supply Pipelines from VD Mohelno and New Reservoir for NJZ EDU", "Discharge of Wastewater from NJZ EDU and MVE", "Discharge of Wastewater from NJZ EDU Construction into the Skryjská Reservoir", "Discharge of Stormwater from NJZ EDU Area into the Skryjská Reservoir", "Discharge of Stormwater from NJZ EDU Construction Site Facilities into the Heřmanický Stream" and "Purpose-built Roads to Ensure Access to Third-Party Land within the NJZ EDU Construction Site Area", which was published on the official notice board of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic on 28 February 2025.

This decision pertains to the ruling of the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic on the appeals lodged by participants in the proceedings against the zoning decision of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic dated 30 October 2023.

The reasoning of the decision states that the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic first reviewed the compliance of the zoning decision and the preceding proceedings with legal regulations. Based on this review, the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic concluded that the zoning decision is complete, reviewable, and properly justified. The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic had all the necessary documents for its issuance, including the complete documentation for the zoning decision and all required decisions, binding opinions, statements, and opinions of the relevant authorities, as well as statements, opinions, and communications from the administrators and owners of technical and transport infrastructure and other selected entities. The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic conducted a detailed assessment of each individual construction from all legally prescribed perspectives, the cumulative fulfilment of which was a prerequisite for issuing the

zoning decision. In the zoning decision, the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic also addressed all objections raised by participants in the proceedings in a reviewable and comprehensive manner based on the case file. In the zoning decision and the preceding proceedings, the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic did not find any defects that would render the zoning decision unlawful.

The Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic then examined in detail each appeal argument raised by the participants in the proceedings. The binding opinions that were challenged by the appeals of the participants in the proceedings were either confirmed or, where applicable, slightly modified by the superior administrative authorities, and the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic is bound by these reviews of the binding opinions. The Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic found the appeal arguments to be unfounded and concluded that the zoning decision is therefore correct and in compliance with legal regulations.

In view of the above, the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic dismissed the appeals lodged by the participants in the proceedings and confirmed the zoning decision of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic dated 30 October 2023.

## **III.** We hereby request the immediate publication of the following information in accordance with the national regulations of your country:

• This letter from the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, ref. no. MZP/2025/710/813 dated 7 March 2025 (in English)

• Decision of the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, ref. no. MPO 23256/2025 dated 27 February 2025 (in Czech)

• Machine translation of the decision of the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, ref. no. MPO 23256/2025 dated 27 February 2025 into English, German, Polish, and Hungarian

• Decision of the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, ref. no. MPO 23262/2025 dated 27 February 2025 (in Czech)

• Machine translation of the decision of the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, ref. no. MPO 23262/2025 dated 27 February 2025 into English, German, Polish, and Hungarian

For information, we note that in the Czech Republic, the relevant decisions of the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, ref. no. MPO 23256/2025 dated 27 February 2025 and ref. no. MPO 23262/2025 dated 27 February 2025, will be published for a period of 15 days on the official notice board of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic and on the official notice boards of the Municipal Office of Rouchovany, the Municipal Office of Dukovany, the Municipal Office of Slavětice, and the Municipal Office of Třebíč.

The decisive date for determining the date of publication will be the date of posting on the official notice board of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic (i.e., 28 February 2025). On the fifteenth day after posting on the official notice board of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, both zoning decisions will be considered delivered (notified) in accordance with Section 25(2) of Act No. 500/2004 Coll., the Administrative Procedure Code, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Administrative Procedure Code"). The English version of the official notice board is available at the following link:https://mpo.gov.cz/en/construction-and-raw-materials/building-authority/

IV. We request information regarding the date and method of publication of the information. Please send the information on the date and method of publication in accordance with the national legal regulations of your country in writing to the address Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, Na Františku 32, 110 15 Prague 1, Czech Republic, with a copy to the address Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, Vršovická 65, 100 10 Prague 10, Czech Republic.

**V.** The main supporting documents for the issuance of the above-mentioned decisions (in particular, the appeals, responses to them, reviews of the contested binding opinions by superior relevant authorities, updates of selected statements from administrators and owners of technical and transport infrastructure and other entities, as well as binding opinions of the relevant authorities whose validity was limited, and other selected supporting documents) are available in the online repository at the following address:

• <u>https://next.mzp.cz/s/NQGZQS3yec6iTg7</u> (password: NJZ\_Dukovany\_2024).

The supporting documents for the issuance of the zoning decisions are available in the online repository at the addresses specified in the letter of the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic, ref. no. MZP/2023/710/3680 dated 30 October 2023.

The documents obtained during the EIA process for the project "New Nuclear Facility at the Dukovany Site," including the final binding EIA opinion, are additionally available at the following address:

• <u>https://portal.cenia.cz/eiasea/detail/EIA\_MZP469?lang=en</u>

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#### Annexes:

• Decision of the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, ref. no. MPO 23256/2025 dated 27 February 2025 (in Czech)

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All of the above annexes can be downloaded here: <u>https://next.mzp.cz/s/5zMxgQBGx7YeYen</u> Password: NJZ\_Dukovany\_2025