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Dear Madam/ Sir,

In June 2006 UNDP Romania and members of BRC came to Rosia Montana/ Romania. Here Canadian Gabriel Resources wishes to develop Europe's largest open cast cyanide leach gold mine. At Rosia Montana the UN mission met with members of Alburnus Maior, a local NGO which was told that the purpose of this visit was to evaluate for Romania's minister of the Environment development possibilities in the event that the proposed open cast gold was not given the go-ahead. The UNDP website indicates several reports about this UNDP mission that are inaccessible to the public and even written prior the mission's actual visit to Rosia Montana.

It has come to our attention from Hungarian mass-media that Gabriel Resources is interested to form a partnership with UNDP Romania and BRC. Whilst we strongly oppose such partnership which would only tarnish UNDP's reputation, we would for the sake of transparency like to receive concrete answers to the following questions:

1. Is UNDP-UNEP working on a sustainable development project at Rosia Montana? If yes, what is the nature of this project?
2. According to the Hungarian press (Saturday, 24 February, Nepszabadsag), an UNDP-UNEP team is considering a 20 million USD partnership with Gabriel Resources. Is this accurate?
3. What is negotiated/desired partnership/collaboration between UNDP-UNEP and Gabriel Resources? Is there co-financing involved/ considered? If yes, from whom?
4. To what extent is Philip Peck involved in the report giving that he came with the fact finding mission to Rosia Montana?

According to our information, Gabriel Resources has not only being access to the resulting reports but has also been left free to edit the documents. Civil society stakeholders on the other hand have not even been given access to these documents. For the sake of transparency and impartiality, we herewith request UNDP to publish all reports on Rosia Montana including:

- The sustainable development perspectives of the Rosia Montana community in the light of the possibility of a major investment in gold mining; May 2006
- Sustainable development at Rosia Montana (Romania) – back to office report by Hachemi Bahloul;
- UNDP/BRC Fact Finding Mission Report on Sustainable Development Pathways for Rosia Montana (Mission Report)

Thank you very much in advance for kind cooperation,

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P.S. We hereby inform you that copies of this letter have been sent out to the international media.