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For the attention of:

*International Accountability Project
Sinergia Animal
The Coalition Against Factory Farming
In Defense of Animals
Zelena akcija/Friends of the Earth Croatia
Friends of the Earth US*

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Re: Your letter regarding MHP pet food (project nr. 55679)

Dear CSO partners,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 August 2025 in respect of the MHP pet food project (the "Project"). Please see below the response to your questions and inquiries.

Disclosure and consultation:

The Project Summary Document ("PSD") for the Project was disclosed in line with the provisions of the EBRD's Access to Information Policy ("AIP") and the Directive on Access to Information ("DAI"). In particular, section 1.4.4 of the DAI sets out circumstances for the deferral of the PSD. According to the DAI and AIP, the PSD for the Project was deferred until signing date based on the legitimate client's concern about confidentiality (related to MHP's listed nature and being an issuer of Eurobonds).

As disclosed in the PSD, based on the information provided, implementation of Project will be located in existing Group sites. The review of the environmental and social (E&S) information provided by the client did not reveal any issues of significance from an E&S perspective. All elements of the Project have been confirmed as having limited or no impacts on any sensitive areas of review, including local residences, protected areas, surface or ground water. Where required, the Group has undertaken public consultation.

Existing concerns and pending complaints:

Indeed, historically MHP has been a subject of a number of complaints from the CSOs and affected communities, which culminated in a formal complaint submitted to the EBRD's IPAM (former PCM). At the same time, MHP is a long-standing client of the Bank and has been subject to multiple due diligence exercises, long-term E&S reporting, and several monitoring visits by both external consultants and Bank staff. Additionally, an independent animal welfare audit was undertaken as part of the E&S due diligence process for the Project, including site visits to three of the poultry production sites of the Group confirming compliance of the Group's poultry-rearing processes with EU directives and international best practices.

Based on the due diligence and monitoring of MHP so far, the Bank's conclusion is that MHP has progressed well in installing an effective E&S management system and continues to improve its organisational approach to E&S issues, continually increasing coordination, effectiveness, and employee engagement across all facilities. Key amongst them are the significant improvements in disclosure demonstrating how the Group is developing tools and responses to the wide variety of E&S issues affecting its business.

Ongoing Compliance Review does not preclude the Bank from continued engagement with the client, which is also justified by the strong Bank's additionality and the continued importance of food security.

Kind regards,
Civil Society Engagement, EBRD