1. Basic Information

1.1. CRIS Number: 2003/004-379/05.25
1.2. Title: Increasing competitiveness of SMEs sector and attractiveness for investments in Debica region
1.3. Sector: Economic and Social Cohesion
1.4. Location: Poland, Podkarpackie Voivodship, Debica Poviat, Debica Town, Zyraków Gmina.

2. Objectives

2.1. Overall Objectives
Creating conditions for the proper functioning and development of the small and medium sized enterprises sector

2.2. Immediate Objectives
Increasing investment attractiveness of the available investment areas and industrial premises through provision of sewage disposal infrastructure

2.3. Accession Partnership and NPAA priority
The project is designed to address issues related to the AP priority in economic and social cohesion policy regarding the preparation for the implementation of regional programmes and Community Initiatives. The project in particular responds to the economic criterion identified in the AP concerning improving the competitiveness of the Polish economy. The project corresponds also to the NPAA priority "Regional policy and co-ordination of structural instruments".

2.4. Contribution to the Preliminary National Development Plan
The project is in line with the sixth axis of the preliminary NDP, which is “Strengthening development potential of regions and counteracting marginalisation of certain areas”. The priorities of this axis will be implemented by means of several measures including development and modernisation of infrastructure serving to strengthen competitiveness of regions.

The project is compliant with the priorities of the Operational Programme of the Podkarpackie Voivodship.

2.5. Cross Border Impact: N/A

3. Description

3.1. Background and Justification
Debica poviat is inhabited by 134,000 people and the town Debica by 50,000. The poviat is located in west part of Podkarpackie Voivodship. This region faces structural problems caused by restructuring and liquidation of large enterprises from chemical, metal and food industries. During the years 2000 – 2001 more than 2,000 people lost their jobs and unemployment rate increased to 17%.

On the area mentioned above (Zyraków gmina) natural resources, such as aggregate, gas and clay are exploited. Through the area leads an international railway track from Zgorzelec to Medyka (from west to the east) and A4 motorway is planned to go through the area of the gmina. Exits form the motorway are planned to be situated there as well.

The project is located in the industrial district of the town in the close vicinity (only around 500 metres from the town border) of gmina Zyraków with its 12,000 population. In this area starting from 1930. there was large part of the Central Industrial District located (including metal and chemical industry). The territorial development policy of Debica and Zyraków also resulted in delimitation in the local development plans of these gminas of large areas for investment activities. This development potential, important for the whole poviat, includes:

? Two large companies (The Producer of Coolers and Polifarb Debica) employing together 850 people.
? Around 150 small and medium size enterprises employing together 1,100 people:
in the area of Debica town - 95 enterprises – employing together around 610 people
in the area of Zyraków gmina – 56 enterprises employing together around 440 people
Investment areas (294 ha) with technical infrastructure, including gas, electricity, telephone and water systems (excluding sewage system). The area is ready for investments including production and services:

- 129 hectares in Debica town, from which 16 hectares belong to the gmina ownership, 33 hectares belong to private enterprises (35 of them) and 90 hectares belong to natural persons (80 of them)
- 165 hectares in Zyraków gmina, from which 12 hectares belong to the gmina, 7 hectares belong to private enterprises (8 of them), 150 hectares belong to natural persons (120 of them)

Empty, not used buildings (or warehouses) which cover 9,200 square metres, and include:

- 5,900 square metres in Debica town
- 3,300 square metres in Zyraków gmina

So far, number of projects leading to creation of better conditions for SMEs development have been implemented. These include building of water supply system, building or modernisation of some parts of roads or development of telecommunication network. With additional investments realised independently from local resources the area under the direct project’s influence is provided with complete technical infrastructure including water supply, gas, electricity and communications (incl. telephone) networks, storm drain network and hardened internal roads. The described area has the appropriate access through public roads to the main transport routes crossing Debica area. The main barrier for the development and use of mentioned above potential of the region is lack of sewage network system and sewage treatment plant in the case of the area located in Zyraków gmina.

This project, planned as the joint investment of two gminas, is aimed at removing the remaining obstacle for development of this area. Debica and Zyraków decided to submit the joint project due to some important reasons:

1. Constant interest in free investment areas, buildings and natural resources because of planned A4 motorway
2. 18 declarations from investors concerning the location of the investment on the mentioned area: in Debica town 10 declarations in the metal, chemical, food sectors offering employment for around 50 people, and in Zyraków 8 declarations in building, food, transport sectors, with the increase of employment by additional 45 people.
3. Number of firms (around 70) located in the above mentioned area have co-operation links and the development plans here.
4. Approved and possible development directions included in the development plan of Debica town and Zyraków gmina prove that the area is the natural location for the investment, and it will become a part of well industrialised district of Debica.

Mentioned above free investment areas and empty buildings are sold according to the Polish law. The gminas agreed, that for these investors, who will create new jobs there will be some tax exemptions depending on the number of new jobs.

The network of the interceptor was designed according to the shape of landscape, locations of small and medium size enterprises as well as the current and expected interest in the investment areas. When the demand for the investment area increases, the gminas will further develop sewage system. The costs of individual connections to the sewage system will be covered by the potential investors.

Two large companies located in the above-mentioned area (The Producer of Coolers and Polifar Debica) which at the moment have their own internal sewage treatment plants are going to connect themselves to the gminas systems when they will be completed. In this case they will cover all of the necessary costs linked with the connection to sewage system.

Concluding, the implementation of the project will decrease costs of operation of existing enterprises. These costs are related to additional fees for use of environment and costs of transporting sewage to be treated in another sewage treatment plant. It will help to achieve the standards of the environmental protection and it will improve the competitiveness of enterprises operating in the region. The investment attractiveness of large area and free buildings will also increase. At the same time the project will allow for creation of new 35 enterprises; 20 of them in Debica town and 15 in Zyraków gmina. It is expected that these enterprises will offer around 200 jobs; 110 in Debica town and 90 in Zyraków. It will also significantly influence the necessary process of further restructuring of economy in the region.

According to the general idea of sewage network construction in the area of Zyraków gmina, on the basis of assessment report undertaken by Research and Implementing Institute TORON in Tarnów in 1998 it has been decided to construct a new sewage treatment plant in Wola Zyrakowska. The mentioned report recommends this solution as more beneficial than building a sewage pumping section to the nearest sewage treatment plant located in Debica because of the high costs of colector built under or over the Wisloka river as well as taking geological and topographical reasons under consideration.
Planned sewage treatment plant designed initially for capacity of 500 cubic metres/day will be subsequently extended to the capacity of 1,200 cubic metres/day with expected development of sewage network. Designed sewage treatment plant will satisfy all obligatory requirements as well as technical norms, including EU standards regarding tertiary treatment.

3.2. **Linked Activities**

Direct links with the project have investment such as:

- Small north ring road, length 1,000 metres, value 965,000 EURO co-financed by PHARE 1999 in amount 266,000 EURO,
- Drogowców street, length 600 metres, value 290,000 EURO financed by own sources of Debica town,
- Transportowców street, length 700 metres, value 317,000 EURO financed by own sources of Debica town,
- Sewage treatment plant in Debica built up for the necessity of the town covered by the project with its capacity 21,000 cubic metres a day, total value 4,235,000 EURO,
- Water purifying station in Wola Wielka built up for the necessity of Zyraków gmina with the capacity 46 cubic metres per hour, total value 135,000 Euro,
- Creation of Debica branch of University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszów, which main goal is preparation of staff for future enterprises.

3.3. **Results**

Implementation of the project will provide adequate sewage treatment capacity for a large industrial and service zone of about 294 ha ready for new investment in SME sector. It will allow disposing sewage from over 294 hectares of investment area and 150 SME. The activation of this area will result in creation of 30 new SMEs and 200 new jobs.

3.4. **Activities**

- Construction of mechanical-biological sewage treatment plant in Wola Zyrakowska with capacity of 500 cubic metres/day including the delivery and assembly.
- Construction of sewage system in Debica town consisted of:
  - gravity sewage system, width Ø 400 – length 290 metres, Ø 200 – length 6,564 metres, Ø 160 – length 1,594 metres
  - pressure sewage network system, width Ø 90 length 2,568 metres, Ø 63 – length 1,000 metres
  - intermediate pumping station: main 5 units
- Construction of sewage system in Wola Zyrakowska, consisted of:
  - gravity pipeline, width average Ø from 160 to 250, total length 10,660 metres
  - pressing pipeline, width average Ø from 65 to 300, total length 1,521 metres
  - pumping station – 5 units.
- Construction of sewage system in Zyraków, consisted of:
  - gravity pipeline, width average Ø from 160 to 250, total length 12,360 metres
  - pressing pipeline, width average Ø from 65 to 300, total length 2,779 metres
  - pumping station – 6 units.

3.5. **Lessons learned**

- Under the Final Assessment Report for Assistance funded under PL-9808 Special Preparatory Programme (SPP) and PL-9909 Regional Policy and Cohesion, prepared by OMAS, some recommendations have been made. They are also relevant to the above-mentioned project. Therefore the Ministry of Economy together with the IA and Office of the Committee for European Integration have established stronger institutional co-operation between those organizations (responsible for the programming and implementation of the Phare – ESC assistance).
- LPM (Logical Planning Matrix) methodology is applied correctly and contains clear, quantifiable indicators of achievement of the project’s objectives.
- The implementation of the Phare 2003 ESC Programme should be based on the experience gained during the implementation of previous Phare programmes, especially ESC 2000, 2001 and 2002 ESC Programmes. Therefore documents concerning land acquisition and conformity with the local spatial development plans are required during the current programming exercise. For this purpose the Polish authorities (Ministry of Economy and Office of the Committee for European Integration) have established a scrutiny system (in form of a checklist) that should be
used at the early stage of programming Phare 2003 ESC assistance, eliminating proposals which do not meet the above-mentioned criteria

4. **INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK**

4.1 The beneficiary of the project will be: Debica Town Gmina, with seat of the Town Managing Board in Debica (the address: 39-200 Debica, 28 Parkowa street, tel. 014 682 32 32, fax 014 68 22 442 and Zyraków Gmina with its seat in Zyraków, tel 014 677 92 94. The Contracting Authority will be Debica Town Gmina.

4.2. The Engineer/Manager of the project: will be selected through tender pursuant to the Polish Act on Public Procurement

4.3. The owner of the investment after the implementation of the project:
The sewage system, built up on the area of Debica town together with the intermediate pumping stations after project completion will be in communal ownership.
The sewage system together with the intermediate pumping stations in Zyraków and Wola Zyrakowska as well as the sewage treatment plant in Wola Zyrakowska after project completion will be in communal ownership.

4.4. The investment will be implemented pursuant to the regulations of the Decentralised Implementation System – “Practical Guide to Phare, Ispa and Sapard Contract Procedures”

4.5. The implementation of the project will not cause any changes to the institutional framework described above.

5. **DETAILED BUDGET**

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The overall value of the investment including employment of the Project Manager will amount to 3,27 MEUR. The cost of the employment of the Project Manager will be borne by the beneficiary in the amount of 0,07 MEUR. Co-financing will be available.

6. **IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

6.1. **Implementing Agency**

   ? PAO: Ms. Krystyna Gurbiel, Undersecretary Of State In The Ministry Of Economy, Labour and Social Policy, Pl. Trzech Krzyzy 3/5, 00-507 Warsaw, Poland, Phone: + 48.22.693.56.28, 629.31.47, Fax: + 48.22.693.40.05

   ? Implementing Authority for Phare Cross Border Co-operation Programme, Contact person: Ms. Grazyna Weclewska, Krucza 36 Street, 00-522 Warsaw, Poland, Phone +48.22.695.99.10-11, fax +48.22.695.99.12-13

6.2. **Twinning**: N/A

6.3. **Non-standard aspects**: N/A

6.4. **Contracts**

   ? Contract 1 (works): 3,2 MEUR. The contract for investment part of the project will be financed from Phare funds and financial resources of the Beneficiaries on the basis of joint co-financing.

   ? Contract 2 (project manager) :0,07 MEUR. The contract will be financed exclusively from the national funds

7. **IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

   ? Start of tendering / Call for Proposal: Preparation of the Terms of Reference: second quarter 2003
8 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Procedures related to the implementation of the project will be implemented according to the law and will respect equal opportunities for all interested institutions and natural persons in spite of their sex, race and nationality. The employment of men and women will be based on applicable EU standards with reference to EOE (Equal Opportunity of Employment), which will be announced in official press advertisements during the recruitment procedures.

9 ENVIRONMENT

The report concerning environmental impact assessment was done by the Rzeszów Regional Development Agency. The report states that the planned investment is environmentally friendly resulting in improvement in the quality of surface and sub-surface water. Planed sewage treatment plant, together with the sewage system implemented properly concerning to the plan, will not exceed acceptable levels for sewage concentration, air pollution, noise and outdoor. Implementation of the project, concerning Debica town part, will cause better use of the sewage treatment plant. Total investment will improve the quality of drinking water taken from Wojswal water intake.

Designed sewage treatment plant in Wola Zyrakowska will satisfy all obligatory requirements as well as technical norms, including EU standards regarding tertiary treatment.

The report concerning environmental impact assessment by the investment was prepared in accordance with the legal regulation dated to the 27th April 2001 on environmental protection (Dz. U. nr 62 pos. 627) (Title I, Chapter V Participation of the society in the environmental protection and Chapter VI Procedure in aspect of evaluation of the environmental assessment). This regulation is the implementation of European law to the Polish law.

EIA is available in the Beneficiaries headquarters.

10 RATES OF RETURN

The feasibility study of the investment covering both financial and economics analysis was prepared by Rzeszów Regional Development Agency. The analysis of the feasibility study proves, that project is effective, taking into consideration all the assumptions. The NPV (for 3%) estimates at 2,927,954 PLN (which is 758,537 EURO – exchange rate: 1 EURO = 3.86 PLN). It proves that planed investment is effective. IRR estimates 5,2%. FS is available in the Beneficiaries headquarters.

11 INVESTMENT CRITERIA

11.1 Catalytic effect
The Phare support will be conducive to achieving economic and social cohesion goals in Podkarpackie voivodship, which otherwise could be attained only in a more distant future and on a more modest and less efficient scale.

11.2 Co-financing
The project is co-financed by the Polish sources. The national contribution amounts to 31,8 % of the total project cost.

11.3 Additionality
The financial means transferred to the Beneficiary for the project implementation, covering the investment costs as they are planned within the project do not displace other financing sources, especially from the private sector and the IFI system; it is solely the co-financing of identified priorities and does not replace national resources.

11.4 Project readiness and size
The project will be ready for implementation, contracting and disbursement in accordance with requirements of Phare 2003 ESC programme. The feasibility study and a report on environmental impact assessment have been prepared. The beneficiary is the owner of the land for the investment. The building permit has been obtained by The Town and Gmina Debica and Gmina Zyraków. The Polish co-financing has been included in the budget of the beneficiary.
11.5. **Sustainability**
The project will contribute to the long-term sustainable development of the region, as described in the Operational Programme for Podkarpackie Voivodship. After implementation, all maintenance costs related to the investment will be covered by the beneficiary. The investment after implementation will be managed by:

- The network of sewage system together with intermediate pumping station developed in the area of Debica Town will be owned by the Town Gmina Debica. It will be commissioned to the Water Pipe Ltd Company in Debica (it is owned in 100% by the Gmina – local authority). The company will cover all of the costs of the operation costs.

- The network of sewage system together with intermediate pumping station developed in the Zyraków town and Wola Zyrakowska and the sewage treatment plant developed in Wola Zyrakowska after project completion will be owned by Zyraków Gmina and will be commissioned to the Communal Plant in Zyraków. It is in 100% owned by Gmina. The Plant will cover all of the operation costs.

11.6. **Compliance with state aids provisions**
All aspects of the project will be developed with respect of the state aids provisions of the European Agreement.

11.7. **Contribution to Draft National Development Plan**
The project is in line with the fifth axis of the draft NDP, which is “Strengthening development potential of regions and countering marginalisation of certain areas”. This axis will be implemented by means of several priorities including development and modernisation of infrastructure serving to strengthen competitiveness.

[12. Conditionality and Sequencing](#)

Successful implementation of the project depends on the following conditions:

- Preparation of the Terms of Reference: second quarter 2003
- Invitation for tender: third quarter 2003
- Tender procedures and selection of Contractor: first quarter 2004
- Proper monitoring of the project by both the beneficiary and project manager – constant work – from the beginning until the end of the project

**Deadlines:**
- Planed date for the tendering documentation preparation: 30.06.2003
- Planed date for the invitation for tender: 01.07.2003
- Planed date for signature of the contract: 30.03.2004
- Planed date for start of project implementation: 01.04.2004
- Planed date for end of the contract: 30.11.2005

**Annexes**
- Annex Nr 1 – Logframe Planning Matrix
- Annex Nr 2 - 4 – Implementation, contracting and disbursement schedules
- Annex Nr 5 and 6 – Annexes concerning environment protection.
## ANNEX 1 - PROJECT LOGICAL FRAMEWORK MATRIX

### PROJECT TITLE: INCREASING COMPETITIVENESS OF SMES SECTOR AND ATTRACTIVENESS FOR INVESTMENTS IN DEBICA REGION

#### Programme number

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<td>Realisation of the elements of the Regional development strategy for Podkarpackie Voivodship Creation by Debica Town and Zyraków Gminas friendly environment for setting up new enterprises and employment (resolution concerning tax exemption) Help for entrepreneurs delivered by Debica Town and Zyraków Gmina – priorities in case of decision making process concerning the land distribution and building permissions Active promotion of the region concerning the investment attractiveness</td>
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<td>Sewage treatment plant with the capacity of 500 m³/day App. 8.0 km of pressure system 16 pumping stations.</td>
<td>Building up all of the sewage connections by all units who produce waste water Getting the offer that would not include higher price than expected in the project.</td>
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#### Activities

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<td>PHARE budget – 2,230,000 EURO Sources of beneficiary – 1,040,000 EURO One contract for works and one contract with the Project Manager</td>
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#### Preconditions

| To own complete project and calculation documentation To have right to use the land for project implementation To own legal permission for building work |
## Annexes 2-3-4: Detailed Implementation Chart, Contracting and Disbursement Schedule of the Project

### Project Title: Increasing Competitiveness of SMEs Sector and Attractiveness for Investments in Debica Region

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Legend:  
- **D** = design of sub-projects;  
- **C** = tendering and contracting;  
- **I** = contract implementation and payment.
ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(Please complete this section for each project in case of grouped applications)

1. Development consent

Has development consent\(^1\) already been given to this project?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, on which date [__2002__]/[__01__]/[__15__]

If no, when was the formal request for the development consent introduced and by which date is the final decision expected?

Specify the competent authority or authorities, which has given or will give the development consent

District Starosty in Debica

Is the above authority considered to be the competent authority responsible for performing the duties of Directive 85/337/EEC as amended by 97/11/EEC on Environmental Impact Assessment?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If no, please specify for this project who is designated as competent authority for the purposes of the EIA Directive:

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2.1. Is the project a class of development covered by:

- Not covered by Directive 85/337/EEC, as amended by Directive 91/11/EC (only the section on nature conservation needs to be completed)

2.2. Has an EIA already been carried out?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If yes, has the EIA been carried out before development consent has been given?

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

On which date has it been finalised [____/__/__]

If no, provide an estimation of the date when the procedure will be finalised [____/__/__]

\(^1\) i.e. decision of the competent authority or authorities which entitle the developer to proceed with the project

2.3. When covered by Annex I of the EIA Directive a similar procedure as the one described in the EIA directive will need to be applied and the following documents included.

Necessary documents are:

a) the **non-technical summary of the Environmental Impact Study** carried out for the project. A non-technical summary shall include at least:
   - a description of the project comprising information on the site, design and size of the project,
   - a description of the measures envisaged in order to avoid, reduce and, if possible, remedy significant adverse effects,
   - the data required to identify and assess the main (direct and indirect effects) which the project is likely to have on the environment on the following factors:
     - human beings, fauna and flora (including those environmentally sensitive areas which might fall in future under the protection of the Birds (79/409/EEC) and Habitats (92/43/EEC) Directives);
     - soil, water, air, climate and the landscape;
     - material assets and the cultural heritage;
     - the interaction between the factors mentioned in the first, second and third indents
     - and any further information which might derive from any of the obligations deriving from Annex IV of the EIA Directive.

b) the results of **consultations with the competent environmental authorities**; indicating in what way the concerns of the designated consultees have been taken into account.

c) the results of **consultations with the public** concerned. The information provided should cover the following:
   - the concerned public which has been consulted,
   - the places where the information has been consulted,
   - the time which has been given to the public in order to express its opinion,
   - the way in which the public has been informed (for example, by bill-posting within a certain radius, publication in local newspapers, organisations of exhibitions with plans, drawings, tables, graphs, models, etc.),
   - the manner in which the public has been consulted (for example, by written submissions, by public enquiry, etc.)
   - the way in which the concerns of the public have been taken into account.

d) in case a project is likely to have significant effects on the environment in another state the results of the **transboundary consultation** with those states effected by the project needs to be provided demonstrating that the procedure of article 7 of the EIA Directive. In addition, information indicating in what way the concerns of the designated consultees and concerned public have been taken into account will also need to be provided.

e) Evidence that the **decision to grant or refuse development consent** has been made **available to the public** by the competent authority, including the
   - the content of the decision and conditions attached thereto,
   - the main reasons and considerations on which the decision has been based,
   - a description, where necessary, of the main measures to avoid, reduce and, if possible, offset the major adverse effects.

*Note: In relation to b), c) and d) these may be represented in the form of a statement, conclusion or certification by the competent environmental authorities describing and testifying that all obligation as described in the intends above have been followed.*

2.4. When covered by Annex II of the EIA Directive has an Environmental Impact Assessment been carried out for this project?

[ ] Yes

[ ] No

– If yes include the necessary documents (see question 2.3.).

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3 A guidance document describing the minimum criteria to ensure that a similar procedure has been applied can be found on [http://www.inforegio.cec.eu.int](http://www.inforegio.cec.eu.int)
– If no explain the reasons\(^4\) and give the thresholds, criteria or case by case examination carried out to reach the conclusion that the project has no significant environmental effects:

Use more space if necessary

Have the results of the determination whether a project listed in Annex II of the Directive requires a formal EIA or not (made by the competent authority) made available to the public?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, on which date /___/___/___/

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\(^4\) The decision needs to be based on the procedure described in article 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 and the screening criteria of Annex III of Council Directive 97/11/EC amending Directive 85/337/EEC.
1. Assessment of effects on sites of nature conservation importance

1.1. Is the project likely to affect sites of nature conservation importance (i.e. potential Natura 2000 sites)?

- If yes - please go to question 1.2.
- If no - please fill out Annex I (Declaration by the authority responsible for sites of nature conservation importance = potential future Natura 2000 sites)

1.2 In this case an appropriate assessment according to art. 6(3) of the directive 92/43/EEC ("Habitats Directive") is obligatory.

1.2.1 Have this appropriate assessment been carried out?

- If yes, please fill out Annex II (Information to the Commission according to Article 6(4) of the Habitats Directive. This Annex has to be signed by the authority responsible for sites of nature conservation importance = potential future Natura 2000 sites)
- If no, please fill out Annex I (Declaration by the authority responsible for sites of nature conservation importance = potential future Natura 2000 sites)

5 For the purpose of the Pre-Accession instruments a site of nature conservation importance (= potential future Natura 2000 site) in candidate countries is a site falling under one or more of the following categories:

(a) sites, which have been identified by the competent national authorities as sites to be proposed for the Natura 2000 network as laid down in the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) and Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC)

(b) sites listed in the latest inventory of Important Bird Areas (IBA 2000) for candidate countries or (if available) equivalent more detailed scientific inventories endorsed by national authorities

(c) wetlands of international importance designated under the Ramsar Convention or qualifying for such protection

(d) areas to which the Bern convention on the conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Art. 4) applies, in particular sites meeting the criteria of the Emerald network

(e) areas protected under national nature conservation legislation
ANNEX I - Declaration by the authority responsible for sites of nature conservation importance
(= potential future Natura 2000 sites)
(EQUIVALENT TO Annex I(a) of the Cohesion Fund form)

Responsible authority
Voivodeship Conservator of Nature in Rzeszów

Having examined\(^6\) the project application: Improvement of attractiveness for investment in the area of Debica through building the sewage treatment plant and sewage system network

which is to be located at Debica town and Zyraków commune

we declare that (tick the appropriate box):

☐ The project is not likely to have significant effects on a site of nature conservation importance on the following grounds:

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Therefore an appropriate assessment required by Article 6 (3) was not deemed necessary.

☑ Following an appropriate assessment, according to Art. 6(3) of Directive 92/43/EEC, the project will not have significant negative effects on a site of nature conservation importance.

Signed: ...............................

(Authority responsible for monitoring sites of nature conservation importance)

Official Seal:

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\(^6\) taking into account the requirements of Art. 6(3) of Directive 92/43/EEC
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### 1. PROJECT

Name of the site affected:

This site is (please tick):

- a site identified by the national competent authority as qualifying under Art. 4(1) and (2) of the Birds directive (79/409/EEC)
- a site identified by the national competent authority as qualifying under Art. 4 (1) of the Habitats directive (92/43/EEC)
- a site listed in the latest inventory on Important Bird Areas (IBA 2000) or (if available) in an equivalent more detailed scientific inventories endorsed by national authorities
- a wetland of international importance designated under the Ramsar Convention or qualifying for such protection
- a site to which the Bern convention on the conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Art. 4) applies, in particular a site meeting the criteria of the Emerald network
- areas protected under national nature conservation legislation

Summary of the project having an effect on the site:

### 2. NEGATIVE EFFECTS

Summary of the assessment of the negative effects on the site:

N.B.: this summary should focus on the adverse effect expected on the conservation value of the site, include the appropriate maps and describe the already decided mitigation measures.

### 3. ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

Summary of alternative solutions studied by the candidate country:

Reasons why the competent national authorities have concluded that there is absence of alternative solutions:

### 4. IMPERATIVE REASONS

Reason to nevertheless carry out this plan or project:

- Imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature (in the absence of priority habitat/species)
- Human health
- Public safety
- Beneficial consequences of primary importance for the environment
- Other imperative reasons of overriding public interest

Short description of the reason:

### 5. COMPENSATION MEASURES

Foreseen compensatory measures and timetable: