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FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
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Warsaw, 15th February 2005

**Ms Margrета Auken
Member of the European
Parliament**

Dear Madam,

← Tak
Thank you for your letter dated 24th of January addressed to The Prime Minister expressing your concerns about the impact of Poldanor/Polen Invest operation on natural environment in Poland.

According to the information received from Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Environment, company Poldanor S.A. (ul.Dworcowa 25, 77 320 Przechlewo) received in 1996 and 1997 preferential loans (with interest rates subsidized by the Government) for purchasing fixed assets and modernisation.

By the 21st of February 2005 Poldanor S.A. should have obtained permissions to operate the installations in Zachodniopomorskie region (6) and in Pomorskie region (5). So far, four permissions have been granted :

- Chomętowo (Zachodniopomorskie),
- Głzyńo (Zachodniopomorskie),
- Między (Zachodniopomorskie),
- Pawłówek (Pomorskie).

On 03rd and 08th of February 2005 Regional Inspectorates for Environment Protection (Pomorskie and Zachodniopomorskie regions) initiated the administrative procedures in order to discontinue the operation of remaining seven farms.

Farms operated by Poldanor S.A. have been regularly inspected by inspectorates for Environment Protection and installations in Pomorskie region are planned to be controlled in 2005.

I hope that you find above information satisfactory and please accept my apologies for the delay in answering your letter but this case required an extensive interministerial research.

Sincerely yours,

MINISTER

PODSZKRETARZ STANU