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## I. INTRODUCTION

The World Environment Center (WEC) has a cooperative agreement with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to provide U.S. private sector expertise to transfer technology and skills to Eastern European industry and government representatives so that they can more effectively reduce industrial and urban pollution, improve solid, hazardous, and toxic waste management, improve industrial health and safety practices, improve energy conservation and management, and increase community awareness in environmental and energy related areas.

Thomas J. McGrath, WEC Staff, participated in the WMDP at Chemko on August 16 - 17. Dr. B. Bhushan Lodh, WEC Staff, will report on the WMDP at Chemko in his report.

Thomas J. McGrath, was in Bratislava August 18 - 20 and during this period was accompanied by Mr. Samuel Hale, Jr. and Ms. Olga Hauskrechtova. This report covers that period of time.

## II. ITINERARY

- August 18: Meetings
- Mr. Soltes, Ministry of Economy.
- Mr. Kurt Terpgaard-Jensen, EC/Phare Advisor on the establishment of an Environmental Revolving Fund.
- August 19: Meeting at Bucina Zvolen to discuss a WEC Environmental Review.
- August 20:
- Meeting with Mr. I. Hejda, Chemical Industry Association.
  - Meeting with Mr. L. Schulze, USAID.
  - Meeting with Mr. Stanek, Advisor to Ministries of Finance, Economy and Environment.

### **III. MEETINGS**

August 18

WEC gave a progress report to Mr. Soltes, Ministry of Economy, about the WEC projects underway and plans for 1994.

Mr. Soltes expressed his appreciation to WEC for progress made and looks forward to future progress.

#### **EC/PHARE**

Samuel Hale, Jr., arranged a meeting with Mr. Kurt Terpgaard-Jensen, Environmental Engineer with Carl Bro, a Danish consulting firm. Mr. Kurt Lauritsen, Carl Bro, also attended the meeting.

Carl Bro is providing consulting services to EC/PHARE for the establishment of an Environmental Revolving Fund for Slovakia.

Mr. Terpgaard-Jensen was very interested in the WMDP because it's similar to a recommendation he is making in his report to the EC which will be ready within the next two months. I will send him information about the WEC programs and remain in contact.

August 19

Met with Tomas Andrezal, Sensor, and discussed Sensor's participation in the WMDP as a consultant. He will discuss this possibility with Sensor's president.

He will also try to locate a firm that could work for WEC in developing its publicity program for the WMIP in Slovakia.

#### **ZVOLEN**

Traveled to central Slovakia to meet with Dipl. Ing. Pavel Gregus, Director of Sales, Bucina, which is the largest manufacturer of wood products in Slovakia.

Bucina was previously visited by Samuel Hale, Jr., and Ms. Daniela Milova, Department of Economic Policy, Ministry of Economy. Mr. Hale's report on his previous visit supplied excellent information about Bucina and allowed WEC to search for an appropriate expert.

The result of the meeting was an agreement that WEC will perform a two week assessment of Bucina. After reviewing the curriculum vitae of the proposed

specialist, Mr. Gregus said that the WEC's specialist has the required experience.

August 20

### **CHEMIA**

Mr. Samuel Hale, Jr., Ms. Olga Hauskrechtova and Thomas J. McGrath, met with Mr. Ivan Hejda, Director. Chemia is the Slovak Chemical Industry Organization which is a strong supporter for the establishment of the Association of Environmental Managers (AEM). It has 17 company members and is directed by an Executive Committee of five General Directors. Mr. Gilani, General Director of Chemko, where a WMDP is underway, is on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Hejda informed us that based on Mr. McGrath's recommendations, when he and Mr. Hale met with Mr. Prizemin, Director of the AEM, that AEM has registered with the government, and they have convinced the government to include funding in the budget to support the AEM.

Mr. McGrath suggested that both AEM and Chemia consider active participation in the WEC programs, especially WMDP, in order to provide consulting services in the future. Mr. Hejda said this is a possibility. He also said that it will require time to obtain sufficient experience in order for AEM to be accepted by the Slovak companies.

It was agreed that we would try to meet during the third week of September, depending upon Mr. McGrath's travel schedule.

### **USAID**

We met with Mr. L. Schulze and reported on WEC activities. Mr. Schulze offered AID's support through personnel who will be added to the AID staff and the use of the AID conference room.

We thanked Mr. Schulze for his kind offer. As the WEC plans for WMIP progress, we will send the information to him for his input and suggestions.

### **MR. STANEK**

Mr. Hale discussed a project with Mr. Stanek and his team which would be funded under Mr. Hale's short term environmental economics budget.

This two month project would utilize some of Mr. Stanek's previous work on analyzing the environmental policies of the different ministries and incorporate them into a common environmental viewpoint. Each ministry has its own budget

and develops its own environmental policy which needs to be harmonized.

We agreed on a two month budget of \$2,500. Mr. Hale will discuss the SOW with HIID, which can use Mr. Stanek's report in its work under its cooperative agreement with AID.

Mr. Hale will send the required information necessary for WEC to prepare a contract for Mr. Stanek to Mr. McGrath.

#### **IV. OBSERVATIONS**

Meetings with Chemko management, Sensor, the Ministry of Economy and Ms. Hauskrechtova confirm that there are no environmental consulting firms in Slovakia. In order to help create such firms, a demand for their services will have to be identified. All agree that the WEC WMDP and WMIP could be the means to help build the demand for environmental consulting needs. The programs can target organizations which could perform this service. These objectives are high priorities for the WEC program.

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