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PRESS STATEMENT

Bucharest, 6 November 2012 – Fondul Proprietatea (“the Fund”) would like to express its profound disappointment that the Ministry of Economy, Commerce and Business Environment voted for postponing the appointment of a new Supervisory Board of Hidroelectrica at the latest General Shareholders Meeting of the company, held on 1 November 2012.

Moreover, there is no clear indication of when a new Supervisory Board of Hidroelectrica will be appointed, although in the last Letter of Intent¹ signed with the International Monetary Fund, the Government agreed to appoint it by mid-September 2012.

Sadly, the Ministry of Economy, Commerce and Business Environment has not yet completed the selection of the independent board members or general managers in any of the companies under its supervision where this process should be implemented according to OUG 109/2011, regarding the corporate governance of public enterprises.

Fondul Proprietatea is strongly concerned with the repeated delays in the implementation of OUG 109/2011 provisions, almost a year after it entered into force. Such delays in a process aimed at improving the efficiency of state-owned companies are clearly not beneficial for the performance of these enterprises and we urge the Government to address them promptly and speed up the appointment of professional managers.

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¹ <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/scr/2012/cr12290.pdf>