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Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the planned offshore wind farm Kattegatt Syd.

According to article 3 point 1 of the Espoo Convention, affected countries shall be notified and consulted on projects that are likely to cause transboundary environmental impacts. As a party of origin, Sweden hereby notifies potentially affected parties of the convention regarding the planned offshore windfarm Kattegatt Syd

Information on the project

The developer, Vattenfall AB, plans to apply for a permit to establish an offshore windfarm in the Kattegatt sea. The area is situated around 25 km outside of Falkenberg in Sweden near the Natura 2000 sites Stora Middelgrund, Lilla Middelgrund and Röde Bank.

The projects installation and operation may have a significant transboundary environmental impact consisting of the wind turbines, their foundations and inter-array cables that will be connected to up to two offshore substations. As the preliminary schedule for the project to start the installations of the wind farm is set to 2028, it is hard to say with certainty the exact technical solution that will be available at the time. The maximum height of the turbines is estimated to be 350 meters and the maximum number of turbines is estimated to be a maximum of 80.

Permit process under Swedish law

The construction of wind turbines and associated facilities within Sweden's exclusive economic zone requires a permit from the Swedish Government in accordance with the Act (1992:1140) on Sweden's Exclusive Economic Zone ("SEZ"). A permit from the Government pursuant to Act (1966:314) on the Continental Shelf ("CSA") is also required to lay cables on the continental shelf for the grid that connects the wind turbines and for land connection.

For activities within SEZ that can significantly affect Natura 2000 areas, a separate Natura 2000 permit is also required in accordance with Chapter 7, Section 28a-29b of the Swedish Environmental Code. The County Administrative Board in the county closest to the applied activity at sea is responsible for the review, *i.e.* in this case the County Administrative Board of Halland.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks the addressed Parties to respond **until 24th of March 2021** at the latest and:

1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. indicate, whether your country wishes to participate in the EIA procedure
3. provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory.
4. submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this notification by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se Please indicate Case number NV-08956-20 in your answer. For further information or questions regarding this notification can be sent to Richard Kristoffersson, richard.kristoffersson@naturvardsverket.se

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Appendixes

Documentation for the Espoo consultation

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