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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 windfarm Galatea-Galene.

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 Point of Contacts regarding the planned offshore windfarm Galatea-Galene.

Information on the project

The developer OX2 AB plans to establish an offshore wind farm in Kattegat in Sweden's exclusive economic zone off the coast of Halland. The wind farm is called Galatea-Galene and consists of two subareas. The area is assessed to have favorable conditions for the establishment of wind power.

The Galatea subarea is located about 30 kilometers west of Falkenberg. It is about 17 km from the Danish island of Anholt, while Jutland and Zealand are about 70 and 62 km away respectively. Galatea borders the Swedish Natura 2000 areas of Stora Middelgrund and Röde bank in the south, and Lilla Middelgrund in the north.

The Galene subarea is located about 20 kilometres west of Varberg. It is about 30 and 45 km respectively from the Danish islands of Anholt and Læsø, while Jutland is about 80 km away. South of Galene the Swedish Natura 2000 area of Lilla Middelgrund, while to the north, Galene is adjacent to the Swedish Natura 2000 area of Fladen

There are no islands within the area, which consists entirely of open sea. Galatea-Galene is expected to generate an annual energy yield of about 5000 GWh.

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 4th of November 2020** 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-05611-20 in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

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Appendixes

Documentation for Notification under Espoo-convention

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