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**NOTIFICATION REGARDING A PROPOSED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY LISTED IN
APPENDIX I TO THE ESPOO CONVENTION**

As a country of origin under whose jurisdiction a proposed activity is envisaged to take place, the Republic of Lithuania hereby notifies the Republic of Latvia about a proposed activity listed in Appendix I to the UN Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter referred to as Espoo Convention) – a major installation for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (a wind farm).

The economic activity is proposed by a Lithuanian developer, “Santix” LLC and comprises construction and operation of up to 5 wind power plants (wind turbines), with a planned capacity of up to 4.8 MW each, tower heights of up to 158 m and the highest point of up to 241 m. The five wind power plants (wind turbines) will be constructed in Akmenė district municipality, Kruopiai ward, Šapnagiai village and the shortest distance from the proposed economic activity to the State border of the Republic of Latvia is about 1,7 km.

According to Lithuanian legislation and the Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (hereinafter referred to as the EIA Directive), installations for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (wind farms) are subject to screening for environmental impact assessment (hereinafter referred to as screening for EIA). The screening for EIA has the objective of determining whether a specific proposed economic activity will be subject to environmental impact assessment and according to Lithuanian legislation is performed by the competent authority. Outcome of the screening for EIA is a screening conclusion whether an environment impact assessment is obligatory. This conclusion will be adopted by the competent authority, after examining the EIA screening document and

taking into account size and nature of the proposed economic activity, characteristics and sensitivity of local environment, potential environmental impacts, proposals of the public concerned and the results of consultations with entities of environmental impact assessment (other state institutions and the executive institution of the relevant municipality).

Further information on the proposed activity, including available information on its possible transboundary impact is provided in the summary of the EIA screening document attached to this notification (in English). Full text of the EIA screening document (in Lithuanian) is available online: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rbQqWYDUyDiEnw6muL_dT3iqfqNE2Sqw.

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention and other relevant provisions of international and national legislation we kindly ask you to respond **by April 17, 2019** at the latest by acknowledging receipt of the notification and indicating whether you intend to participate in the environmental impact assessment procedures as a potentially affected country. In case of a positive answer please also provide comments on the above mentioned EIA screening document. We also respectfully request you to inform relevant competent authorities and the public of the Republic of Latvia about the proposed economic activity.

Please address your response to this notification to Mr. Vitalijus Auglys, Point of Contact regarding Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context:

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