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INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCREENING CONCLUSIONS FOR PROPOSED ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (WIND FARMS) IN THE VICINITY OF THE LITHUANIAN-LATVIAN BORDER

Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as Ministry of Environment), in response to the requests expressed in the letters of Environment State Bureau of the Republic of Latvia dated March 5, 2019 (No 5-01/180) and April 17, 2019 (No 5-01/320) hereby informs about the screening conclusions for EIA with regard to the proposed installations for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (wind farms) in Mažeikiai district municipality, Židikai ward, Bataičiai and Palūšė villages and in Mažeikiai district municipality, Reivyčiai ward, villages of Kabaldikai and Tulnikiai (respectively).

On May 16, 2019 competent EIA authority of Lithuania – Environmental Protection Agency concluded (screening conclusion No (30.2)-A4E-1382) that environmental impact assessment is not obligatory for two wind power plants in Mažeikiai district municipality, Židikai ward, Bataičiai and Palūšė villages. The two wind power plants with a projected capacity of up to 4.8 MW each are planned as an addition to the future park of wind farms, consisting of seven wind power plants, for which the screening procedures had been completed earlier. Full text of the screening conclusion (in Lithuanian) is available online: https://drive.google.com/file/d/13nUeXohHnvqAEvPwdawSHCSytzqd1Gkr/view.

On May 23, 2019 competent EIA authority of Lithuania – Environmental Protection Agency concluded (screening conclusion No (30.2)-A4E-1553) that environmental impact assessment is obligatory for the expansion of the park of wind farms in Mažeikiai district municipality, Reivyčiai ward, villages of Kabaldikai and Tulnikiai. The expansion includes construction and operation of up to four wind power plants, with a planned capacity of up to 4.5 MW each, which are planned in addition the existing nineteen wind power plants with a total capacity of 45 MW. of the screening conclusion (in Lithuanian) is available online: Full text https://drive.google.com/file/d/1 bNGUsdNuq3zLJAv9ZUH9vUk33NRhUAD/view. Ministry of Environment will further inform you about the upcoming EIA procedures and provide relevant information according to national EIA legislation and UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context.

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Yours sincerely,

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