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Regarding notification of the environmental impact assessment for activity listed in the Appendix I of the Espoo Convention (the Tunkūni farm)

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a Point of Contact regarding Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter – the Espoo Convention) of Latvia and the competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia, hereby notifies the Republic of Lithuania about the initiated EIA procedure of the development project “*Increasing the pig breeding capacity by 10 200 places for keeping fattening pigs in the “Tunkūni” complex*” (hereinafter – the Project) as activity is listed under the point 20.3 of the Annex 1 of the Espoo Convention) and is located approximately 2 – 3 km from the Latvian – Lithuanian border).

The Project includes expansion of the Tunkūni farm by 10 200 pen spaces for fattening pigs. As a result, the total production capacity of the Tunkūni farm will be 34 000 pen spaces, allowing for up to 31 200 pigs to be kept and fed/fattened (detailed information is proved by the developer of the Project SIA “*GAIŽĒNI*” and included in the attachment of this notification).

The decision about necessity of the EIA of the Project was issued on June 22, 2021. The EIA Programme is not issued (currently in progress). The competent authority responsible for issuing the decision of necessity of the EIA, the EIA Programme as well as a reasoned opinion on the EIA report is the Bureau.

According to the principles of the Espoo Convention where a party of origin for a proposed activity listed in Annex I considers that the proposed activity is likely to cause a significant transboundary impact, the party of origin shall, for the purposes of ensuring adequate and effective consultations, notify any party which it considers may be an affected party as early as possible and no later than when informing its own public about that proposed activity. Referring to Article 3.3. of the Espoo Convention Latvia kindly asks the Republic of Lithuania to respond **until July 21, 2023**, at the latest and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification;
- indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure;

- provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the Project on your territory;
- submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Response to this notification shall be sent to the Environment State Bureau of the Republic of Latvia (e-mail: pasts@vpvb.gov.lv).

Attachments:

1. Description of activity – the Tunkūni farm – 5 p.
2. Location of the Tunkūni farm – 1 p.
3. Location of the buildings of the Tunkūni farm – 1 p.
4. Existing situation (jpg).
5. Planned situation (jpg).

Yours sincerely,

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