



Sea Sapphire

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Amendment to scoping document concerning the Herkules Wind Farm¹

1. Introduction and background

Simply Blue Energy (**Herkules**) AB ('Herkules AB), part of the **SeaSapphire** (joint venture between Eolus Vind AB and Simply Blue Group) intends to apply for a permit for an Offshore Wind Farm within Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone in accordance with Section 5 of the Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone Act (SEZ), a permit for construction of internal submarine cables in accordance with Sections 3 and 2b of the Continental Shelf Act (KSL) and a Natura 2000 permit in accordance with Chapter 7, Section 28a of the Swedish Environmental Code (SEC).

In 2022 and 2023, SeaSapphire invited to a scoping consultation regarding the park's location and design, and in connection with that, a scoping document was produced. The consultation was open until spring 2023.

SeaSapphire would like to supplement scoping document, during ongoing scoping phase, with an increased number of turbines. Further, SeaSapphire would like to present new example layouts based on the adjustment. No changes to the project area are planned. The reason for the increased number of turbines is to investigate alternative scenarios, where different turbine sizes (between 15-25 MW) may be relevant. The final choice of turbine size will be made at a later, detailed design phase and depends on market and technology developments. Investigating different scenarios fulfills SeaSapphire's ambition to develop and realize projects in the near future which contribute to the ongoing energy transition. With this supplementary scoping document, the Company wishes to obtain comments on the OWF with the updated design.

The planned Herkules wind farm is located in the central parts of the Baltic Sea, see Figure 1. The project area is located approximately 60 km southeast of Gotland. As before, the project area covers approximately 1,078 km² and is located outside the Swedish territorial waters but within Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone. The water depth varies between 117 and 224 meters.

¹ The English text is an unofficial translation.

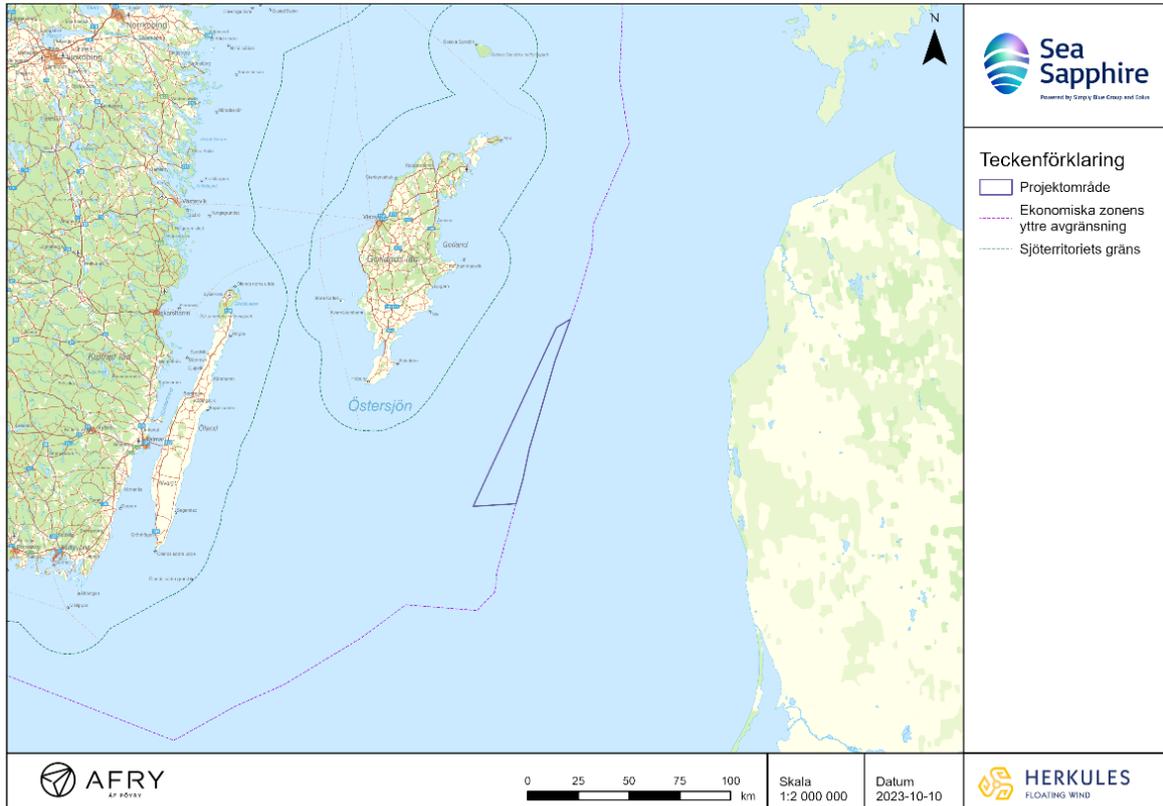


Figure 1 Overview map of Herkules wind farm. Teckenförklaring – Legend, Projektområde – project area, Ekonomiska zonen yttre avgränsning – Exclusive Economic Zone boarder, Sjöterritoriets gräns – Territorial waters boarder.

2. Administrative information

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3. Additional information on planned activities

In the previously prepared scoping document, it was stated that the wind farm will consist of a maximum of 121 wind turbines. The number has now been adjusted to a maximum of 160 wind turbines, with an unchanged maximum total height of 360 m. A design with 160 wind turbines of 15 MW gives a total installed capacity of approx. 2.4 GW with an expected annual production of about 13 TWh. The actual output and annual production may be higher, taking into account technological developments.

Below you will find two general maps of possible layouts of the park (examples A and B), see figures 2 and 3. Number of turbines, size and model, as well as the final design of the park, will be determined in the final detailed design and procurement of the facility.

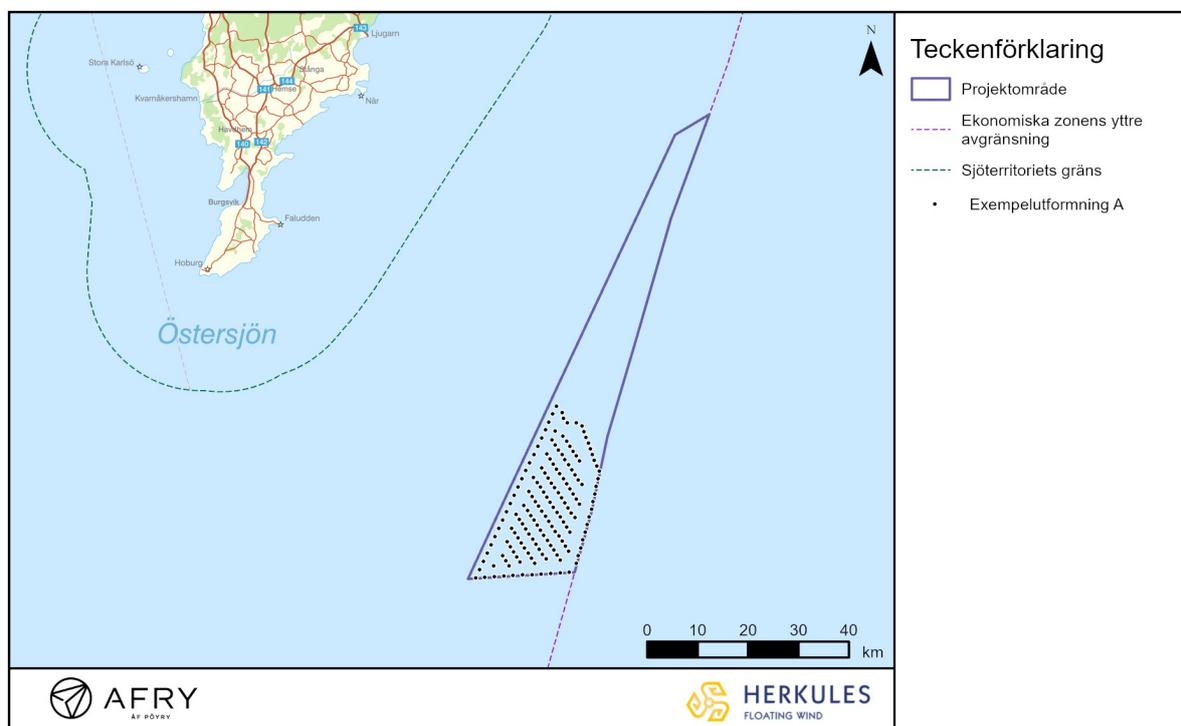


Figure 2 Example layout A for Herkules wind farm. Teckenförklaring – Legend, Projektområde – project area, Ekonomiska zonens yttre avgränsning – Exclusive Economic Zone boarder, Sjöterritoriets gräns – Territorial waters boarder, Exempelutformning A – Exempel layout A.

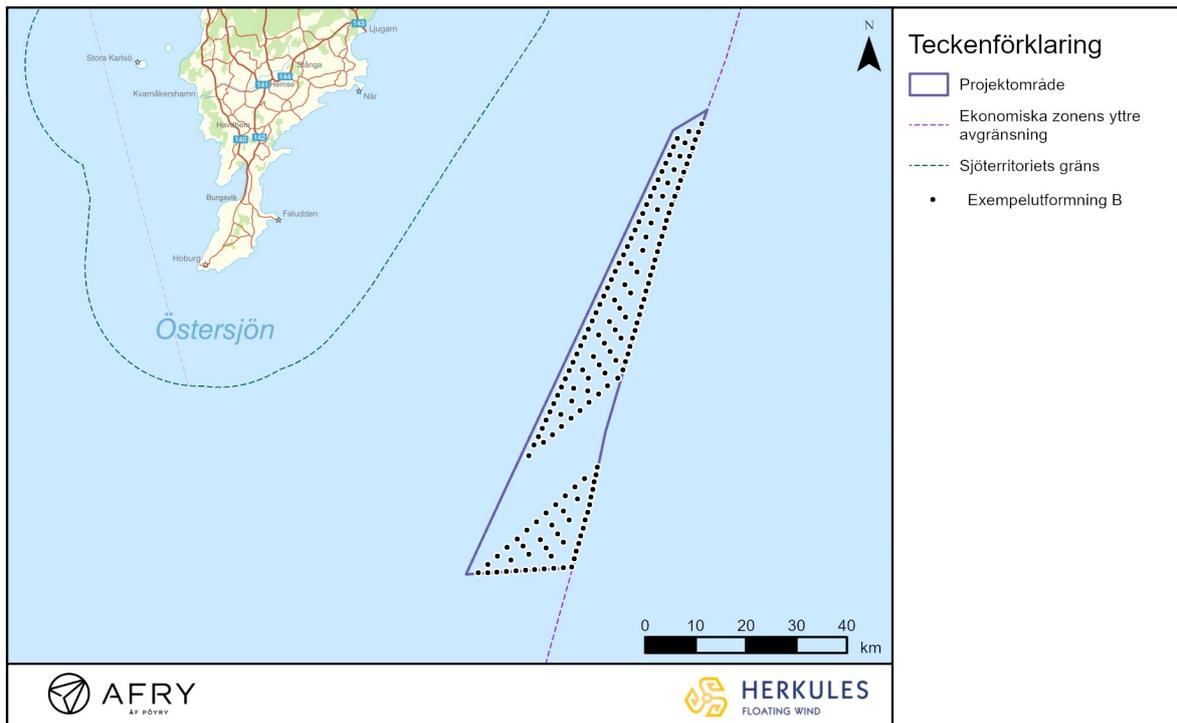


Figure 3 Example layout B for Herkules wind farm. Teckenförklaring – Legend, Projektområde – project area, Ekonomiska zonens yttre avgränsning – Exclusive Economic Zone boarder, Sjöterritoriets gräns – Territorial waters boarder, Exempelutformning A – Exempel layout B.

4. Potential environmental impact

In the previously produced scoping document, preliminary environmental assessments for the wind farm are presented, for example regarding the impact on shipping, marine mammals, fish, and birds. Since the conditions in the surroundings have not changed, AFRY assesses that the descriptions and preliminary environmental assessments presented in the scoping document are still relevant and applicable also for the new design of the wind farm.

The EIA will, in addition to what is stated in the previous scoping document, take into account this supplementary scoping document and what emerges from this supplementary consultation.

5. Consultation group and Espoo consultation

The supplementary document is sent for consultation to the relevant Stakeholders. The Stakeholder list which is presented in Annex 1 remains the same as for the initial scoping phase.

Consultation on the project's transboundary impact began in the winter of 2022 within the framework of the Espoo Convention and Chapter 6. Section 33 Swedish Environmental Code. This supplementary scoping document will be submitted to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency for completion of the Espoo consultation regarding the project's transboundary impact.

6. Provide feedback

Due to the increasing number of wind turbines presented in this supplementary scoping document, and to ensure that the consultation comments received are addressed collectively, the time for submitting comments within the framework of the consultation is extended. Previously submitted comments do not need to be resubmitted. The deadline for submitting new comments is 8th of January 2024.

Comments should be sent by e-mail to herkules@seasapphire.com, or by post to Simply Blue Energy (Herkules) AB, c/o Eolus Vind AB, Carlsgatan 12A, SE-211 20 Malmö, Sweden. Please mark the e-mail or the post with "Supplementary Scoping Document Herkules".

For more information about Hercules, see the project website:

<https://www.seasapphire.com/project/herkules-en>

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Best regards,

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