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To the Points of Contact for the Espoo
Convention in Finland, Latvia,
Lithuania and Sweden

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Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the
Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in
a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention)
regarding the UAB „Ignitis renewables projektai 6“
offshore wind farm projects Liivi 1 and Liivi 2 in the
Gulf of Riga

As the Party of origin, Estonia is hereby sending a notification in accordance with Article 3 of the
Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) of the project
plan by the developer UAB „Ignitis renewables projektai 6“ to construct an offshore wind farm in
the Gulf of Riga.

Description of the project

The developer intends to construct an offshore wind farm in the Gulf of Riga in two areas: Liivi 1
and Liivi 2. These locations are in close proximity to each other and the projects are anticipated to
have similar environmental impacts. Consequently, the environmental impact assessment
procedures for Liivi 1 and Liivi 2 areas have been merged.

The proposed Liivi 1 offshore wind farm will consist of up to 57 wind turbines with a total capacity
of up to 900 MW and up to 2 substations. The planned maximum power of one wind turbine is up
to 25 MW and the maximum height above average sea level is up to 400 meters. The planned area
of the wind farm in Liivi 1 area is 77,7 km².

The proposed Liivi 2 offshore wind farm will consist of up to 88 wind turbines with a total capacity
of up to 1400 MW and up to 3 substations. The planned maximum power of one wind turbine is
up to 25 MW and the maximum height above average sea level is up to 400 meters. The planned
area of the wind farm in Liivi 2 area is 114,9 km².

A schematic map illustrating the location of the proposed projects is enclosed in Annex 1. The
proposed activity may have a transboundary impact on various aspects, including marine water
quality, marine mammals, fish and bird populations, bats, and protected natural objects. Therefore,
as the decision-maker responsible for development consent, the Consumer Protection and

Technical Regulatory Authority has requested that the Ministry of Climate notifies potentially affected parties.

Environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure

On 25 August 2023, the developer submitted an application to the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority for a superficies licence for the Liivi 1 area. Additionally, on 25 August 2023 an application for a superficies licence was submitted for the Liivi 2 area. As per the Building Code, a superficies licence is the right to encumber a delimited part of a public water body with a construction work that is permanently connected to the bottom of the water body and are not permanently connected to the shore. The developer is applying for the superficies licences valid for 50 years. The main documents of the supplemented applications are enclosed in Annexes 2 and 3.

According to the Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management System Act (hereinafter *the Act*), the decision-maker will determine whether to initiate an environmental impact assessment (EIA) based on the application for the development consent. The Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority initiated the procedure for superficies licence in the Liivi 2 area, along with an EIA, on 6 March 2024 (decision number 1-7/24/074; Annex 4). Similarly, the procedure for superficies licence in the Liivi 1 area, along with an EIA, was initiated on 9 April 2024 (decision number 1-7/24/114; Annex 5). Given the close proximity of the areas and the shared developer for both projects, the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority decided to merge the environmental impact assessment procedures.

As stipulated by the Act, following the initiation of the EIA, the leading expert or an expert group under the supervision of the leading expert will prepare an EIA programme (scoping document). The decision-maker will seek opinions from all relevant authorities regarding the content of the EIA programme and will organize its public display and public hearing. After considering the opinions received during this process, the developer will submit the EIA programme to the decision-maker for verification of compliance with the requirements.

Subsequently, based on the EIA programme declared compliant, the EIA report will be prepared. The EIA report stage involves procedures similar to those in the programme stage.

When making a decision to grant or refuse to grant development consent, the decision-maker will take the results of the EIA and the environmental measures outlined in the EIA report into account. This also includes, where relevant, the results of transboundary consultations.

If the affected Party intends to participate in the EIA procedure, the draft of the EIA programme and EIA report will be forwarded to the affected state. Consultations are commenced regarding the environmental impact resulting from the proposed activity and environmental measures to be taken.

Answer to the notification

Kindly send the answer to this notification to the Ministry of Climate (info@kliimaministerium.ee) by 1 July 2024 and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification;
- indicate whether your country intends to participate in the offshore wind farm projects Liivi 1 and Liivi 2 EIA procedure;
- provide possible comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project affecting your country.

Bilateral Agreement between Estonia and Finland

In relation to the Agreement between Estonia and Finland on environmental impact assessment in a Transboundary Context, we wish to bring to Finland's attention the 13th meeting of the joint Commission on EIA. During this meeting, the Commission discussed the EIA notification practice between the countries and proposed to continue following the existing practice. However, in justified cases, Finland has the option to decide whether to participate in the specific EIA procedure at the EIA programme stage.

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Sincerely,

(signed electronically)

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Enclosures:

1. Annex 1 – map of the proposed activity
2. Annex 2 – main document of the Liivi 1 area application
3. Annex 3 – main document of the Liivi 2 area application
4. Annex 4 – excerpt from the letter of the decision-maker concerning the Liivi 2 area
5. Annex 5 – excerpt from the letter of the decision-maker concerning the Liivi 1 area

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