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**The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency**

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**Regarding the environmental impact assessment of the planned offshore wind farm “Neptuni” in Sweden’s economic zone**

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, would like to express gratitude to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency for notification sent concerning regarding the planned offshore wind farm “Neptuni” in Sweden’s economic zone (hereinafter – the Project) with reference to Article 3 of the Espoo Convention.

The Bureau hereby acknowledges the receipt of the notification and prepared documentation<sup>1</sup>. Please be informed that the Bureau published received information regarding the Project on Bureau’s webpage<sup>2</sup> on 22 August 2024 and sent information directly to the involved authorities. The Bureau received opinions regarding the Project and its potential transboundary impacts within the scope of competence from the Ministry of Climate and Energy of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia in cooperation with the State Fire and Rescue Service, the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia, the Nature Conservation Agency, the Kurzeme Planning Region. The Bureau has not received comments from the public.

The Bureau has gathered and evaluated opinions expressed by all above mentioned authorities regarding necessity of entering into transboundary consultations. The Bureau agrees with general estimation that Latvia is not likely to be affected to such an extent that would require participation

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<sup>1</sup> Received on 16 August 2024, registration no 5-05/2335/2024.

<sup>2</sup><https://www.vpvb.gov.lv/lv/parrobezu-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu-projekti/par-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu-zviedrijas-atkrastes-veja-elektrostaciju-parka-neptuni-buvniecibas-projektam-baltijas-jura>

in the EIA of the Project as an affected country under the Espoo Convention.

In reference to the request for comments on scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the Project on territory of Latvia, please be informed that the authorities had no comments concerning the protentional transboundary impacts as well as scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the Project.

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Though Latvia does not intend to take part in the transboundary consultation process as an affected party, we kindly ask the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency to inform us about the findings of transboundary impact, especially if negative impacts on the environment are possible in the territory of Latvia, and the results of the EIA of the Project.

Sincerely yours,

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