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**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of Latvia**

Ref.: notification according to the Espoo Convention on the scoping phase of the EIA procedure of the “Paks Nuclear Power Plant Subsequent Service Life Extension” project (courtesy translation)

Dear Point of Contact to the Espoo Convention,

Based on the provisions of the *Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context* (Espoo Convention), herewith we notify **Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Ukraine and the United Kingdom** and on the provision of the *Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment as amended* (EIA Directive), **Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden** that the developer, MVM Paks Power Plant Ltd. (MVM Paks Atomerőmű Zrt.) has submitted its application for the development consent of the “Paks Nuclear Power Plant Subsequent Service Life Extension” project (further referred to as **Paks NPP lifetime-extension**) to the competent Hungarian environmental authority (Baranya Vármegyei Kormányhivatal / Baranya County Government Office), therewith **the scoping phase of the mentioned project’s Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) procedure has started.**

Please, be informed that according to the Hungarian national EIA legislation [*Governmental Decree No. 314/2005. (XII. 25.) on environmental impact assessment and on integrated environmental usage permitting process*] the EIA procedure for the lifetime-extension of nuclear power plants are mandatory.

The notification is being sent to you in particular due to the characteristics of the planned Paks NPP lifetime-extension project.

During the scoping phase of the EIA procedure the competent environmental authority determines the key environmental issues, which have to be assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR), taking into account the requirements of the Affected Party. During the EIA procedure the competent environmental authority decides on issuing environmental permit, based on the submitted documentation, the standpoint of the special co-authorities, the comments of the public, and in case of Espoo procedure on the standpoint of the Affected Party, as well.

Please, inform the Hungarian contact point for the Espoo Convention (via e-mail, sent to espoo@em.gov.hu address) on your decision if your Country intends to participate in the Environmental Impact Assessment procedure of Paks Nuclear Power Plant Subsequent Service Life Extension project according to the Espoo Convention **by 45 days from the receipt of this notification**, at the latest. Should this case occur, please deliver your comments and your requests for the content of the related Environmental Impact Assessment Report, as well. Please, note that if your comments are not received by the set deadline, it may cause that your requests cannot be taken into consideration.

We kindly note that the Scoping Documentation of Paks NPP Extension project and its translation into English is attached to this e-mail.

Yours sincerely,



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to the Espoo Convention