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Exchange of information regarding strategic environmental impact assessment in Pärnu county Saarde municipality

According to the agreed approach of the joint commission on environmental impact assessment under the agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Republic of Latvia on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, the Ministry of the Environment of Estonia is informing the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia and the Environment State Bureau of Latvia about the following proposed activity.

Saarde municipality in Pärnu county has informed the Ministry of the Environment of Estonia about the ongoing procedures of detailed spatial plans and strategic environmental assessment (SEA) within the 15 km area from the Estonian-Latvian border.

On October 12, 2016 Saarde municipality initiated the preparation of three detailed spatial plans together with SEA to build onshore windfarms (positions P14, P15 and P16). Please find the map of the planned locations (extract from the SEA report) enclosed. The nearest planned windfarm is locating 7 km from the Estonian-Latvian border.

The SEA of the detailed spatial plans is in the SEA report stage. According to the SEA report, significant transboundary impacts to Latvia are not likely.

Sincerely Yours,

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Enclosure: Map of the location of the proposed activity

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