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REGARDING STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA INCLUDING ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF AND EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE IN THE **BALTIC SEA** 

Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania, in accordance with European Parliament and Council Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment (known as 'Strategic Environmental Assessment' – SEA Directive) and the requirements of the UN Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context Assessment Report thereof, informs that Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for a new Comprehensive Plan of the Territory of the Republic of Lithuanian including its continental shelf and exclusive economic zone in the Baltic Sea has been started.

State-level comprehensive territorial planning is a compulsory planning process based on the Law on Territorial Planning of the Republic of Lithuania. The prepared document will be used as tool for sustainable Lithuanian territorial development. It will define long-term country development vision, marine area resource use, protected area management, infrastructure and urban development and other aspects in line with national development priorities and objective.

We are kindly inviting you to participate in the transboundary consultation.

If you decide to participate in the consultation we will inform you about the outcomes of the SEA and provide other necessary information by the end of June, 2019.

Please inform us about your decision by the end of May, 2019.

Address your response to:

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