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Swedish answers to the notification in accordance with Articles 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the offshore windfarm project Baltyk I

Sweden received a notification from the General Directorate for Environmental Protection in poland to participate in consultation under Article 3 of the Espoo Convention in relation to the planned offshore windfarm project Baltyk I in Polish EEZ.

Poland has fulfilled their responsibility following from article 3 of the Espoo Convention by providing the Swedish environmental protection agency (EPA) with a notification regarding the project.

The Swedish EPA has in turn invited Swedish government agencies, organizations and other parties to give consultation comments on the planned project.

Consultation in Sweden

The notification and the attached documents have been circulated for consideration to central-government agencies, county administrative board, non-governmental environmental organizations during the period from 26th of August 2022 to 23rd of September 2022.

The Swedish EPA is the authority responsible for fulfilling the obligations following from, inter alia. Article 3 of the Espoo Convention. However, the Swedish EPA has no responsibility to evaluate the consultations received in the context of the Swedish national consultation procedure with a view to presenting an overall Swedish position. For a comprehensive view of the consultations, we refer to the enclosed statements received.

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Based on received comments in the Swedish consultation, the Swedish EPA hereby express the wish of Sweden to participate further in the EIA process and to be given the opportunity to comment on the upcoming EIA under article 4-5 of the Espooconvention.

As the decision has been made electronically there is no need for signatures.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Comments from the County Administrative Board of Gotland
Comments from the County Administrative Board of Kalmar
Comments from the Swedish Metrological and Hydrological Institute
Comments from The South Baltic Water District Authority
Comments from BirdLife Sweden
Comments from Swedish Transport Administration
Comments from Geological Survey of Sweden
Comments from the Swedish Geotechnical Institute
Comments from Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management
Comments from Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

<u>Cc</u>

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