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To the points of contact for Espoo Convention December , 2021 No. (10)-D8-
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NOTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 3 OF THE CONVENTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REGARDING INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE OFFSHORE WIND FARM OF UP TO 700 MW INSTALLED CAPACITY IN LITHUANIA'S MARINE TERRITORY

As a country of origin under whose jurisdiction a proposed activity is envisaged to take place, the Republic of Lithuania hereby notifies potentially affected countries about a proposed activity listed in Appendix I to the UN Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter referred to as Espoo Convention) – a major installation for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (wind farm).

Developer of the proposed economic activity is Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania. The activity consists of installation and operation of the offshore wind turbine farm of up to 700 MW installed capacity in the Lithuanian marine territory of the Baltic Sea. Taking into account the development trends of wind turbine technologies, technical solutions of existing wind farms in the Baltic and North seas, and the economic efficiency aspect, the proposed wind farm of up to 700 MW installed capacity will consist of wind turbines with a capacity of up to 20 MW. The height of the offshore wind turbines may vary (but is not limited to) from 140 m to 300 m; the number of such turbines in the proposed territory may vary (but not limited to) from 43 to 87. The distance from the site of the proposed activity to the Latvian exclusive economic zone (hereinafter referred to as EEZ) is about 2.8 km, to the Swedish EEZ – about 77 km, and to the Russian EEZ – about 40 km.

According to Lithuanian legislation and Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (hereinafter referred to as the EIA Directive), installations for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (wind farms) are subject to screening for environmental impact assessment (hereinafter referred to as EIA) in order to decide whether an EIA is obligatory. However, due to the nature and size of the proposed activity, environmental sensitivity of the location and the need for environmental studies, the developer is conducting EIA without the procedure of screening. Therefore, the decision regarding the environmental impact of the proposed economic activity will be made by the competent authority – Environmental Protection Agency, taking into account potential environmental impacts, proposals of the public concerned, the results of consultations with national entities of environmental impact assessment (other state institutions and the executive institution of relevant municipalities), and the results of international consultations.

Further information on the EIA process, the nature of the possible decision, as well as a more detailed description of the proposed activity and its possible transboundary impacts is provided in the summary of the scoping document – EIA programme, attached to this notification (in English).

Full text of the EIA programme (in English) as well as its summary is available online, on the homepage of the Ministry of Environment: <http://am.lrv.lt> → EN → Activities → Environmental Impact Assessment → Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context → Installation and operation of the offshore wind turbine farm of up to 700 MW installed capacity in the Lithuanian marine territory of the Baltic Sea (December 2021).

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention and other relevant provisions of international and national legislation we kindly ask you to respond by **January 31, 2022** at the latest by:

- acknowledging the receipt of the notification;
- providing comments concerning the environmental impact assessment;
- submitting any comments you might receive from the public and relevant authorities in your country;
- indicating whether you intend to participate in the environmental impact assessment procedures as a potentially affected country.

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Enclosed: summary of the EIA programme (in English), 30 pages.

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