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**To the points of contact of Espoo Convention as
per the enclosed send list**

**Regarding notification of the environmental impact assessment for activity listed in the
Appendix I of the Espoo Convention**

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a Point of Contact regarding Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter – the Espoo Convention) of Latvia and the competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia, hereby notifies the potential affected countries about the initiated EIA procedure of the development project “*The offshore wind park ELWIND (Latvia)*” (hereinafter – the ELWIND (Latvia)) as activity is listed under the point 22 of the Appendix 1 of the Espoo Convention.

The ELWIND is a joint Estonian – Latvian state-run cross-border offshore wind park project in the Baltic Sea. The EIA procedure will be performed in each country – Latvia and Estonia – separately according to the laws and legal procedures of each country. The ELWIND (Latvia) is planned to be developed on the Kurzeme coast in the sea area E4 (code E4 corresponds to the area defined in Maritime Spatial Planning of Latvia) opposite to Pāvilosta around 15 – 20 km from the coast. The area of the ELWIND (Latvia) is 200 km². It is planned that total installed capacity of the wind park will be 500 up to 1000 MW with maximum 67 wind turbines depending on capacity of each turbine (15 – 25 MW). The maximum height of the turbines is estimated to be 350 m with a rotor diameter of up to 300 m.

The decision about necessity of the EIA of the Project was issued on May 17, 2023. The EIA Programme is not issued (currently in progress). The competent authority responsible for issuing the decision of necessity of the EIA, the EIA Programme as well as a reasoned opinion on the EIA report is the Bureau.

According to the principles of the Espoo Convention where a party of origin for a proposed activity listed in Appendix I considers that the proposed activity is likely to cause a significant transboundary impact, the country of origin shall, for the purposes of ensuring adequate and effective consultations, notify any party which it considers may be an affected country as early as possible and no later than when informing its own public about that proposed activity. Referring to Article 3.3. of the Espoo Convention Latvia kindly asks a Point of Contact

of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden to respond **until September 12, 2023**, at the latest and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification;
- indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure of the ELWIND (Latvia);
- provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the ELWIND (Latvia) on your territory;
- submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country;
- inform about any technical details regarding the documentation form, requests for additional languages for the translation of the nontechnical summary or other information related to potential transboundary impacts, as well as requirements regarding public participation in your country.

Response to this notification shall be sent to the Environment State Bureau of the Republic of Latvia (e-mail: pasts@vpvb.gov.lv).

Attachments:

1. Description of the offshore wind park ELWIND (LATVIA) – 6 p.
2. ELWIND concept map – 1 p.
3. Latvian Maritime spatial plan – 1 p.

Yours sincerely,

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