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Regarding the information exchange concerning initiation of the environmental impact assessment in Pärnu county

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 of Latvia and the competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia, would like to thank the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia regarding the sent information about initiated environmental impact assessment for extraction of Massiaru III sand quarry (hereinafter – the Project) located in two land units in the Pärnu county Häädemeeste rural municipality as the location of the Project is about 3,2 km from the common border.

The Bureau asked the State Environmental Service, the Nature Conservation Agency, and the Limbaži Municipality for opinion within the scope of competence regarding the possible significant transboundary impacts of the Project. Based on the gathered information, the Bureau shares the opinion of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia that Project is not likely to have significant transboundary impacts, and Latvia does not intend to take part in the transboundary consultation process according to the Espoo Convention on Environmental impact Assessment in a Transboundary context as an affected country.

Nevertheless, having in mind the nature of the Project, we kindly ask the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia to inform us about the findings of transboundary impact, especially if negative impacts on the environment are possible on the territory of Latvia, and the results of the environmental impact assessment of the Project.

We are looking forward to our successful bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental assessment in the transboundary context.

Sincerely yours,

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