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Ref. to: 05.12.2023. Case number 02330-23 “*Herkules*”

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
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Regarding the supplementary notification of transboundary environmental impact assessment of the planned offshore windfarm project “*Herkules*” in Sweden’s exclusive economic zone

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau) would like to inform the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency that after sending response¹ regarding supplementary notification of transboundary environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) of the planned offshore windfarm project “*Herkules*” in Sweden’s exclusive economic zone, the Bureau has received additional comment from the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia on January 26, 2024. Due to the importance of the provided information the Bureau kindly asks you to consider the additional comment of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia in the further process of the EIA of the planned offshore windfarm project “*Herkules*”.

The comment of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia states: “*Regarding the windfarm project Hercules (hereinafter – the Project): a part of the Project reaches into Latvian Search and Rescue area of responsibility or is situated in its close proximity; in addition, the Project is planned nearby intensive shipping routes to/from Latvian sea ports. Taking into the consideration the aforesaid, it is important for the Latvian National Armed Forces (hereinafter – LNAF), acting within the EIA procedure, to be able to monitor the following aspects which may affect activities of LNAF by:*

- 1. The Project’s impact on shipping safety, including the planned safety and protection zones.*
- 2. The volume and organization planned for the Project’s maintenance, supply, movement of the personnel, and other sea operations.*
- 3. The maritime accident risk assessment, the possible accident scenarios, their consequences, and the planned countermeasures.*
- 4. The Project’s accident recovery plan, countermeasures to reduce the risks/consequences*

¹ The Bureau’s letter No. 5-05/88/2024 dated January 1, 2024.

of terrorism threats and accidents, technical and personnel resources, including the mechanism of involving the operational resources of Latvia.”

Yours sincerely,

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