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Regarding the transboundary environmental impact assessment of offshore windfarm project “Erik Segersäll” in Sweden’s exclusive economic zone

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia, thanks the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency for information sent concerning the offshore windfarm project “Erik Segersäll” in Sweden’s exclusive economic zone with reference to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention).

The Bureau has gathered opinions expressed by various stakeholders and agrees with estimation that Latvia is not likely to be affected to such an extent that would require participation in the EIA and transboundary consultations under the Espoo Convention.

The Bureau informs that more detailed comment is provided by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia Health Inspectorate (hereinafter – the Health Inspectorate). The Health Inspectorate recommends to evaluate aspects of impact in the EIA of the offshore windfarm project “Erik Segersäll” like precise technical solutions relating to the engineering characteristics of the site, the preparation of the site and the establishing of access roads, the impact of preparatory works on adjacent areas, transportation of building materials and buildings and temporary storage solutions, impact of works on the hydrological regime and geological processes, solutions for water supply and waste water drainage, and other factors that may have adverse effects on the environment. In addition, the Health Inspectorate recommends using guidelines prepared by the Baltic Environment Forum “*Guidelines for investigation of offshore wind farms on the marine environment in the Baltic States*” (<http://bef.ee/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/EIA-Guidelines-2009.pdf>).

Though Latvia does not intend to take part in the transboundary consultation process as an affected party, we kindly ask the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency to inform us about

the findings of transboundary impact, especially if negative impacts on the environment are possible in the territory of Latvia, and the results of the EIA.

Yours sincerely,

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