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**Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link between Puttgarden in Germany and Rødby in Denmark
(planned tunnel for road and railway track),
German Approval section (from Puttgarden to beginning of Danish EEZ);**

Information in accordance with the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment about final decision and public review process for this decision from 26th March until 08th April 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

With letter of 4th April 2014 Germany has started the transboundary consultation for the approval procedure for the Fixed Link across the Fehmarnbelt by consulting Finland, Denmark, Norway, Poland and Sweden. In the course of the notification procedure in June 2010, these countries had indicated their wish to participate in the EIA procedure for the German approval section of the fixed link whereas Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania only wanted to be informed.

In the course of the approval procedure, I briefed you at regular intervals about the various steps taken, most recently about a revision of the plan and a second hearing in June 2016/Summer 2017. Today I should like to inform you about the final decision, i.e. the plan approval decision issued by the Amt für Planfeststellung Verkehr Schleswig-Holstein (Office for Plan Approval Transport of the Federal State of Schleswig-Holstein) on 31st January 2019. Under German law the Environmental Impact Assessment is included in this plan approval decision for the project.

This final decision will be publicized by public display in several municipalities in the Fehmarn region and environs. The two-week public display and review process is scheduled for the period from

26th March to 08th April 2019

in 13 locations listed in Annex 1 to this letter.

From 26th March 2019 the plan approval decision and the plan itself (in German language) can also be accessed on the following website:

<https://planfeststellung.bob-sh.de>.

The documents will be posted on this website until an anticipated lawsuit regarding the decision has come to an end.

With the end of the display procedure on 8 April 2019 a one-month period (9 April -8 May 2019) commences, which is the time limit for any lawsuits to be filed with the Federal Administrative Court in Leipzig.

I kindly ask you to ensure that this information is announced in a suitable and sufficient way on the basis of your national procedural rules for official announcement regarding Environmental Impact Assessment matters in your country. Please make sure it is pointed out in your announcement that legal actions have to be taken in due time if they are considered necessary.

I would also be grateful if you gave this information to any of your national authorities which may be concerned.

For your orientation about the parts of the final decision in which transboundary effects on the environment are an item, I enclose translated excerpts of the plan approval decision according to Article 6 of the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Article 9a of the German EIA-Act (Annex 2). These excerpts are available in Polish, English and Danish as agreed upon earlier in the consultation procedure in 2014.

To the e-mail you will also find a data file with the complete decision in German (BeschlussFBQ_verschluesst_gez.pdf). 1,300 pages, I will refrain from sending a paper copy. Should you wish to receive such a copy, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



Hauke Hanßen

Enclosure: Annex 1 - Information about municipalities where the plan approval decision and the plan it covers are on display in the period 26th March to 08th April 2019 and about the appropriate court for submitting a lawsuit against the plan approval decision

Annex 2 - Excerpts from the plan approval decision of 31 January 2019