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Our ref: 10.03.2015 No. 11-2/15/1091-10

Answer to the notification in accordance with the Article 7 of the Directive 2011/92/EU On the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment and Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context

The Ministry of the Environment of Estonia acknowledges the receipt of the notification from Latvia concerning the environmental impact assessment (EIA) of the development project "Construction of European gauge public railway line "Rail Baltic 2" infrastructure". The notification was sent in accordance with the Article 7 of the Directive 2011/92/EU On the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment and Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention). The letter included the description of the project and its impacts and information about the proposed alternatives and their location.

Estonia organized a public display of the documents from 17 February to 04 March 2015. Answers were received from the Environmental Inspectorate, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, the Environmental Board, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rescue Board and Rapla County Government.

Based on the received comments and reflecting our own views, we would like to inform you that Estonia will participate in the EIA process of construction railway line "Rail Baltic 2" infrastructure. During the EIA transboundary impacts to Estonian territory must be assessed.

Sincerely Yours,

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In duty of Deputy Secretary General

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