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Exchange of information regarding initiation of
environmental impact assessment in an area within
15 km from the Estonian-Latvian border

Dear Ms. Balka,

According to the agreed approach of the joint commission on environmental impact assessment (EIA) under the agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Republic of Latvia on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context, the Ministry of the Environment of Estonia is informing the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia about the following proposed activity.

The decision-maker Estonian Environmental Board has informed the Ministry of the Environment of Estonia about the initiation of EIA of a proposed activity within the 15 km area from the Estonian-Latvian border. On 3 April 2022, the Estonian Environmental Board initiated EIA on the basis of the application for an integrated environmental permit (no T-KKL/1010443). The purpose of the proposed activity is to increase the installed production capacity in the Veelikse pigsty by 3049 production pigs. The existing integrated environmental permit (no KKL/319482) allows for 4115 places for production pigs.

Veelikse pigsty is located in Viljandi county, Mulgi local government, Veelikse village at Alliku pigsty (cadastral number: 10501:004:0087). The proposed activity is located circa 4 km from the common border. A map illustrating the location of the proposed activity is enclosed. As part of the reconstruction works at the Veelikse pigsty, one amortised pigsty will be demolished. The farm will be expanded by two pigsties, also three barns and an additional liquid manure storage will be built.

Based on the available information, the Estonian Environmental Board is in the position that the proposed activity is not likely to cause significant adverse transboundary impacts to Latvia. The impacts caused by the construction works are considered to be within the working area of the proposed activity and hence do not extend to Latvia. However, if Latvia would like to receive in

the next stages the EIA documentation of the proposed activity, please let us know by 31 May 2022. In case of additional questions, please contact directly Mr. Ivo Ojamäe (environmental management specialist, Estonian Environmental Board, ivo.ojamae@keskkonnaamet.ee).

Sincerely Yours,



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Enclosure: map of the location of the proposed activity

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