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Regarding the information exchange concerning initiation of the environmental impact assessment

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a competent authority on environmental impact assessment in Latvia, would like to thank the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia regarding the sent information about initiated environmental impact assessment for proposed extension of the Veelikse pigsty (hereinafter – the Project) located in Viljandi county, Mulgi local government, Veelikse village as the location of the Project is 4 km from the border with the Republic of Latvia.

The Bureau asked the State Environmental Service, the Nature Conservation Agency, and the Valmiera Municipality for opinion within the scope of competence regarding the possible significant transboundary impacts of the Project. Based on the gathered information, the Bureau shares the opinion of the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia that Project is not likely to have significant transboundary impacts, and Latvia does not intend to take part in the transboundary consultation process according to the Espoo Convention on Environmental impact Assessment in a Transboundary context.

Nevertheless, having in mind the nature of the Project, we kindly ask the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Estonia to inform us about the findings of transboundary impact, especially if negative impacts on the environment are possible on the territory of Latvia, and the results of the environmental impact assessment of the Project.

We are looking forward to our successful bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental assessment in the transboundary context.

Sincerely yours,

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