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Regarding the transboundary environmental impact assessment of the proposed construction of the wind power plants in Akmenē district municipality, Kruopiai ward C1 zone

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia, would like to thank the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania for the information and documentation sent concerning the proposed construction of the wind power plants in Akmenē district municipality, Kruopiai ward C1 zone (hereinafter – the Project).

The Summary of the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) report of the Project was made publicly available. The Bureau received opinions from various stakeholders and residents of the Ukru Parish, the Dobeles Municipality, that is located near to the Latvian – Lithuania border, that mainly included proposals for further steps of the public participation in transboundary consultation process of the Project and necessity of public hearing meeting.

Thus, to promote effectiveness of participation of to the Latvian public and relevant authorities in the transboundary consultation process, we would like to draw your attention that Latvian legislation, in particular the Law on Environmental impact assessment, designates at least 30 days long term for the process of public consultation. The time is being counted from the day a publication about the consultation is published in a corresponding newspaper (national, regional, local) which will be ensured by the Republic of Latvia after receiving information and additional documentation mentioned below from the Republic of Lithuania.

A public hearing meeting of the intended activity shall be held. According to the national legislation, a public hearing meeting shall be held no sooner than 7 days after publication is published and no later than 10 days before the ending of public consultation process. In this context we inform, that the public hearing meeting can be replaced with a video conference and video-presentations. Please provide information on the possible time and place (on internet site platform) of the public hearing meeting. We kindly ask you to provide a presentation of the Project and it's possible transboundary impacts in Latvian as well as to provide a translation of the meeting in Latvian.

We kindly ask you to prepare the EIA summary that reflects information to the extent and scope necessary for the transboundary EIA (including graphical materials and maps in relation to the transboundary impact aspects) in Latvian.

Afterwards the Bureau will compile the proposals submitted by the public and stakeholders and send them to the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania.

Looking forward to a constructive and effective bilateral cooperation in the transboundary context,

Yours sincerely,

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