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**Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency**

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**Regarding the transboundary strategic environmental assessment of the Amendment and update of the Site Development Plan**

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a Point of Contact of Latvia regarding Notification in accordance with Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (hereinafter – the Protocol) as well as the competent authority on the strategic environmental assessment (hereinafter – the SEA) in Latvia, would like to express gratitude to the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency for information sent concerning notification of the SEA of the Amendment and update of the Site Development Plan (hereinafter – the Plan) with reference to the Article 10 of the Protocol. The Bureau hereby acknowledges the receipt of the notification.

Please be informed that the Bureau published received information regarding the Plan and the SEA on the Bureau's webpage<sup>1</sup> on 5th of March 2024 and sent information directly to the involved authorities. The Bureau received opinions regarding participation in the transboundary consultations within the scope of competence from the Ministry of the Environment Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of the Climate and Energy of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of the Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia, the Nature Conservation Agency, the State Environmental Service, and the Kurzeme Planning Region. The Bureau has not received comments from the public.

The Bureau has gathered and evaluated opinions expressed by mentioned stakeholders and agrees with estimation that Latvia is not likely to be affected to such an extent that would require participation in the SEA of the Plan and transboundary consultations under the Article 10 of the Protocol. Latvia has no significant comments or objections to the Plan and its SEA.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.vpvb.gov.lv/lv/jaunums/par-vacijas-federativas-republikas-ekskluzivas-ekonomiskas-zonas-ziemeljura-un-baltijas-jura-teritorijas-attistibas-plana-grozijumu-un-papildinajumu-izstradi-un-strategisko-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu>

Nevertheless, we kindly ask the Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency to inform us about the results of the SEA and findings of transboundary impact, especially if negative impacts on the environment are possible on the territory of Latvia. In addition, we kindly ask to inform us in case there are planned (are necessary) any changes of the for pre-planned solutions in the German Exclusive Economic Zone of the Baltic Sea during development of the planning document.

Looking forward to successful bilateral cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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