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### **Application for the installation of buoys**

In connection with the “Bird study for Estonian-Latvian offshore wind farm project (ELWIND)” LOT 1 “ Estonian study area”, we wish to install marker buoys (not navigation buoys) in the planned wind farm area for bird radar monitoring. The aim of the bird survey is to collect data on migratory birds in the area by recording their movement (migration, foraging, flights between feeding and resting grounds etc.). The research is aimed at obtaining the data required to assess the impact of planned wind farm on bird populations, on the order of Environmental Investment Centre Foundation.

Work will commence on 15 July 2025 and end on 31 May 2027, with winter breaks from 1 December to 28 February each year of study.

The locations of the buoys to be installed are shown in the Annex (Table 1 and Figure 1). The systems located at one location consist of four buoys, which extend 2 m above sea level and are equipped with LED lights and reflectors. A more detailed marking buoy diagram is provided in Figure 2 of the Annex 1.

We wish to install the buoys in the sea from 15 July 2025. We kindly request for a permit for the installation of the buoys described above in the sea.

Yours sincerely