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**To the points of contact of Espoo Convention as
per the enclosed send list**

**Regarding supplementary notification of the environmental impact assessment for activity
listed in the Appendix I of the Espoo Convention – the offshore wind park ELWIND (Latvia)**

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau), acting as a Point of Contact regarding Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter – the Espoo Convention) of Latvia and the competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia, hereby notifies your country regarding changes of the area of the development project “*The offshore wind park ELWIND (Latvia)*” (hereinafter – the ELWIND (Latvia) project).

On 12 July 2023, by letter No. 5-05/873/2023, the Bureau notified Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden regarding the ELWIND (Latvia) project in accordance with Article 3 of the Espoo Convention. Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Poland and Sweden indicated wish to participate in the EIA procedure of the ELWIND (Latvia) project as an affected country. Germany and Lithuania indicated that both do not intend to participate in the EIA of the ELWIND (Latvia) project as affected countries. However, Lithuania was interested in receiving information about the progress of the project and its EIA.

On 31 July 2024 by letter No. 15-2/2024/9 “Application for changes of the project research area” (hereinafter – the Application) the developer of the ELWIND (Latvia) project Investment and Development Agency of Latvia submitted application to the Bureau regarding changes in the project research area. According to the Application, the project research area is redirected within the sea area E4 area *Research area for wind park development* further from the B3 area *Investigation area of nature values* (code E4 and B3 corresponds to the areas defined in Maritime Spatial Plan of Latvia 2030). The new coordinates of the project research area please find in the Attachment 1 of this letter. Other parameters of the project, incl. total area, are the same as included in the first notification.

According to the national legislation the Bureau issued decision No. 5-02-1/42/2024 on 15 August 2024 as the amendments to the initial decision about necessity of the EIA (No. 5-02-1/4/2023 on 17 May 2023) regarding changes of the ELWIND (Latvia) project area and requirement to organize (to repeat) initial public participation process according to the Article 15 of Law “On Environment Impact Assessment”.

We draw your attention that this supplementary notification refers only to the changes of initially provided information of the ELWIND (Latvia) project area. All submitted comments and

proposals for the scope of the ELWIND (Latvia) project received in the earlier phase of the transboundary consultation process will be considered in the EIA as well as comments and proposals submitted in response to this supplementary notification.

Referring to Article 3.3. of the Espoo Convention Latvia kindly asks a Point of Contact of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Sweden to respond **until 26 October 2023**, at the latest and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the supplementary notification.
- provide comments concerning the scope for the EIA of the ELWIND (Latvia) project on your territory considering described changes of the project area.
- submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

In addition, we kindly ask Point of Contact of Germany and Lithuania indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure of the ELWIND (Latvia) project considering described changes of the project area.

Response to this notification shall be sent to the Environment State Bureau of the Republic of Latvia (e-mail: pasts@vpvb.gov.lv).

Attachments:

1. ELWIND (Latvia) area – 5 p.
2. Latvian Maritime spatial plan – 1 p.

Yours sincerely,

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