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**Regarding the notification about construction and operation of the first Nuclear Power Plant in Poland**

Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau) acting as a competent authority on environmental impact assessment in Latvia would like to thank the General Directorate for Environmental protection of Poland for information regarding progress of an environmental impact assessment procedure (hereinafter – EIA) for the planned construction and operation of the first Nuclear Power Plant in Poland with a capacity of up to 3,750 MWe in the area of municipalities Choczewo or Gniewino and Krokowa in Pomorskie Voivodeship (hereinafter – the Project). We kindly ask you to consider information that was given in the Bureaus letter (January 20, 2016, No.3-01/127) about aspects that need to be stressed and foreseen in the EIA of the Project (see Attachment).

The Bureau provides the following requested information.

Taking into account the nature and scope of the Project and the possibility of transboundary impacts, as well as having assessed opinions received from stakeholders, we hereby confirm that the Republic of Latvia intends to take part in the proceedings on EIA and transboundary consultations of the Project.

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 when elaborated EIA report is discussed. The time is being counted from the day a publication about the intended activity and the possibility of the public to submit written proposals regarding the possible impact of such activity on the environment is published in a corresponding newspaper which will be ensured by the Republic of Latvia after receiving information from the Republic of Poland. Usually, it takes time period till 7 days from a day publication is provided to the corresponding newspaper till it is published. The Bureau will publish received electronical documentation of the Project and the EIA report on its website and will inform relevant authorities and organisations on time periods up to when written proposals may be submitted to the Bureau (we do not need paper version). Afterwards the Bureau will compile the proposals submitted by the public and interested institutions and send them to the General Directorate for Environmental protection of Poland.

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 according to the national law concerning measures for limitation of the spread of infection disease Covid-19 (and limitations for transboundary travelling), the public hearing meeting can be replaced with a video conference and video-presentations.

We kindly ask you to prepare Impact Assessment Report in English and summary that reflects information to the extent and scope necessary for the transboundary EIA in Latvian.

Attachment on 2 pages.

Looking forward to a constructive and effective cooperation,

yours sincerely,

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