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Regarding the transboundary environmental impact assessment of the Saare Wind Energy OÜ offshore wind farm project in the west coast of Saare county

The Environment State Bureau (hereinafter – the Bureau) would like to thank the Ministry of Climate of the Republic of Estonia for documentation send for the public participation of the Environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) Report of the Saare Wind Energy OÜ offshore wind farm project in the west coast of Saare county (hereinafter – the Project).

We inform that term for the process of public participation in Latvia was determined from 22nd of September until 23rd of October 2023. Information regarding the EIA of the Project and public participation options was published on the Bureau webpage¹, local newspaper “*Ventas Balsis*” (in the Edition on the 21st of September 2023) and send to the various stakeholders considering the national procedure of the EIA in the transboundary context. Please be informed that we have received response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, the Health Inspectorate of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of the Climate and Energy of the Republic of Latvia, the Nature Conservation Agency, the State Environmental Service, the Limbaži Municipality. The Bureau has not received comments from the public.

The Ministry of the Climate and Energy of the Republic of Latvia noted that it is important to emphasize that regarding the impact on grid capacity and the transition to a climate-neutral economy, a small or significant positive effect was determined, which signifies a positive impact on the climate and energy sectors.

The State Environmental Service highlighted that attention should be paid to the protection of migratory birds and to the implementation of the best technical solutions to mitigate the risks of collisions during both in daytime and nighttime when carting out the Project.

¹ <https://www.vpvb.gov.lv/lv/parrobezu-ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu-projekti/saare-wind-energy-ou-juras-veja-parka-izbuve-rigas-juras-lici-igaunijas-republikas-teritorialajos-udenos>.

The Nature Conservation Agency welcomed the quality of the studies and documents of the EIA and informed that will not impose additional conditions.

Other mentioned authorities informed that they have reviewed received documentation and have no comments regarding the transboundary impact assessment.

Regarding further procedures we kindly ask you to send us information mentioned in the Article 6 of *the Convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context* regarding the final decision of the Project to conclude the process of the transboundary consultations. In addition, we kindly ask to inform us about the findings of ex-post evaluation of the Project.

The Bureau would like to express willingness to continue commenced successful bilateral cooperation in the field of the environmental impact assessment in the transboundary context.

Yours sincerely,

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