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Subject: Information on the planned project 'Baltic East offshore wind farm in area 46.E.1', hereinafter: OWF Baltic East

Dear Sirs,

I would like to inform you that the Republic of Poland is currently conducting an environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the planned project consisting of the construction of the **OWF Baltic East** in the area 46.E.1 in the Polish exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the Baltic Sea. According to the EIA report, the distance of the OWF Baltic East from the EEZ borders of other countries is:

- more than 59 km from the Swedish EEZ;
- over 82 km from the Danish EEZ;
- more than 73 km from the Russian EEZ;
- more than 199 km from the German EEZ.

As no significant negative transboundary impacts have been identified on the territory of Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia and Germany, information on the project in question, including its characteristics, is provided to you by the Polish Party for information purposes only, while maintaining the transparency of the EIA procedure.

I am enclosing (electronically) the following documentation:

- application for an environmental decision in English;
- the EIA report in English.

The above-mentioned documentation is available for download:

<https://chmura.gdansk.rdos.gov.pl/s/8xfxd2WTxc2SRBR>

password: E6fdHMoZ

About the project

The planned project involves the construction, operation and decommissioning of the OWF Baltic East with a maximum installed capacity of 966 MW. The area of the OWF Baltic East is approximately 111.7 km² and is located at the height of the Sasino and Białogóra villages at a distance of approximately 22.5 km from the coast in the Pomeranian Voivodeship.

Basic parameters of the project according to the EIA report:

- maximum number of wind turbines - 64;
- capacity of a single wind power plant - 18-25 MW;
- height of wind turbine - 347.5 m above sea level;
- rotor diameter - 236-360 m;
- total maximum cable length between wind turbines and MSEs - 150 km;
- number of offshore substations - 2.

The project will consist of the following elements:

- wind turbines consisting of the following components: nacelle with rotor, tower, transition pieces (if not integral to the foundation), and foundations of single-support (monopile) or multi-support (jacket) construction;
- offshore substations (OSS);
- internal power and teletechnical lines, including accessories.

The wind turbines, together with substations and internal cable lines will be submerged or founded on the seabed.

Possible transboundary impacts

The source of impacts for this kind of projects may be e.g. emission of underwater noise generated during the installation of foundations of wind turbines and substations with regard to marine mammals and fish (including cumulative impacts with other planned and executed offshore wind farms). Due to the location of the project, the possibility of i.a. cumulative impacts and taking into account the precautionary principle, a potential negative transboundary impact of the project on the Swedish and Danish Party cannot be excluded. At the same time, no impacts of a significant negative nature are expected on the territory of Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia and Germany.

According to the EIA report, the OWF Baltic East area is located in the Polish exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The distances of this area from the EEZ borders of other countries are:

- more than 59 km from the Swedish EEZ;
- over 82 km from the Danish EEZ;
- more than 73 km from the Russian EEZ;
- more than 199 km from the German EEZ.

EIA procedure in Poland

In Poland, the EIA procedure, including the transboundary EIA, is regulated by the Act of 3 October 2008 *on the provision of information on the environment and its protection, public participation in environmental protection and environmental impact assessments*. According to this Act, the EIA procedure is a procedure aimed at issuing a decision on environmental conditions. The issuance of a decision on environmental conditions, completes the EIA procedure and is a binding decision for the authority issuing the investment decision.

At the current stage of the EIA procedure, the body conducting the proceedings, i.e. the Regional Director for Environmental Protection in Gdańsk, is analysing the submitted documentation and carrying out public participation.

Deadline for response

The General Director of Environmental Protection kindly requests:

- to confirm receipt of this letter together with the attachments available for download without delay;
- to present your position if, in your opinion, there are indications of the possibility of a significant negative impact on your territory;
- to present the above-mentioned indications and, if applicable, comments and conclusions on the EIA report.

I kindly request to send the above-mentioned information within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter to the e-mail address of the Contact Point for the Espoo Convention in Poland, Ms. Dorota Toryfter-Szumańska:

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