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Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding a planned offshore wind farm in the Sea of Bothnia within the Sweden's economic zone, Najaderna

According to article 3 point 1 of the Espoo Convention, affected countries shall be notified and consulted on projects that are likely to cause transboundary environmental impacts. As a party of origin, Sweden hereby notifies Finland of the plans to develop an offshore windfarm "Najaderna" located in the southern part of the Gulf of Bothnia.

Information on the project

The developer, Eolus Vind AB, intends to build an offshore wind farm within Swedish territorial waters and the Swedish Economic Zone (SEZ) in the southern Bothnian Sea about 17 km outside of Tierps municipality, Uppsala County and approximately 88 km northwest of Åland.

The planned offshore wind farm is partly located outside the Swedish territorial boundary, inside the SEZ. For the construction and operation of facilities such as wind turbines with associated facilities in the SEZ, the developer is required to apply for a permit in accordance with the Swedish Economic Zone Act (SFS 1992: 1140), issued by the Swedish Government. The developer intends to apply for a permit according to the SEZ act to build and operate a group station for wind power with a maximum of 68 wind turbines and a total height of 365 meters.

The current consultation process also aims to investigate whether the project may have impact on existing Natura 2000 areas to investigate if permit in

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accordance with Ch. 7, Section 28a of the Swedish Environmental Code (SFS 1998:808) is needed.

The consultation process also includes an upcoming application for a network concession for transmission cables, according to the Electricity Act (SFS 1997:857) between the facility and landing point.

Attached to this notification letter contains information about the planned wind farm's location, scope and design, and the preliminary content and design of the upcoming EIA.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks Finland to respond **no later than the 5th of October 2022** and

- 1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
- 2. indicate whether Finland intends to participate in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) procedure
- 3. provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on Finland's territory.
- 4. submit any comments received from the public in Finland.

Kindly send the requested answer to this notification by e-mail to: registrator@naturvardsverket.se, indicating case number NV-06832-22 and "Najaderna".

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Consultation document (Swedish and Finnish)

Copies

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