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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 in Sweden's economic zone, Eyrstrasalt Offshore.

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 regarding the plans for offshore windfarm "Eyrstrasalt Offshore" in the Sea of Bothnia.

Information on the project

Eyrstrasalt Offshore AB (EYOAB), a subsidiary of WPD Offshore Stockholm AB, plans to seek permit for an offshore wind farm in the Bothnian Sea, in Sweden's economic zone outside of the northern Gävleborg coast opposite of Björneborg in Finland.

The planned offshore wind farm is located outside the Swedish territorial boundary, in Sweden's economic zone. For the construction and operation of facilities (wind turbines with associated facilities) in the economic zone, a permit is required in accordance with the Act (1992:1140) on Sweden's Economic Zone (SEZ), which is issued by the Government. EYOAB intends to apply for a permit according to SEZ to build and operate a group station for wind power, with a maximum of 286 wind turbines.

For the laying of submarine cables on the continental shelf, a permit is required in accordance with the Continental Shelf Act (1966:314) (KSL), which is also issued by the government. The wind turbines will be connected via cables that make up the so-called internal network within the park area. EYOAB intends to

seek permit according to the KSL in connection with the application according to SEZ.

Attached documentation contains information about the planned wind farm's location, scope and design, identified opposing interests, and the preliminary content and design of the EIA.

Future permit applications with associated EIA will be designed based on what emerges during the consultations and will be supplemented with in-depth descriptions and results from field studies and inventories.

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 May 2021** at the latest and

1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure
3. provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory.
4. submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this notification by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se Please indicate Case number NV-02980-21 and “Eystrasalt Offshore” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

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Attachments

Samrådsunderlag (Swedish)

Translated consultation document (Finnish)

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