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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 “Olof Skötkonung” in Sweden’s exclusive economic zone.

According to article 3 point 1 of the Espoo Convention [EIA], 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 your state regarding the plans for the offshore windfarm “Olof Skötkonung” in the Baltic Sea.

Information on the project

The developer, Deep Wind Offshore, plans to investigate the possibility of establishing offshore wind power in the Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone [SEZ] in the Baltic Sea. Nearest land is Rödhäll (part of Hållnäs-kusten), about 26 kilometres southwest of the project area. Gävle is located 53 kilometres west of the project area. The project area is 370 square kilometres with capacity of a maximum of 88 wind turbines with a maximum height of 370 metres. The project is estimated to have the potential for approximately 1600-1800 MW in installed power with an annual production of about 7,5 TWh. The wind farm is planned to be established with foundations in the seabed. The project area is located near the Natura 2000 Finngrundet (western, eastern and northern bank) and is partly overlapping with the national interest of commercial fishing.

The construction and operation of wind turbines and associated projects in the SEZ requires a permit from the Swedish Government in accordance with the SEZ Act (1992:1140). Government approval is also required by law of the Continental Shelf Act (1966:314) to place cables on the continental shelf, including both internal cables within the wind farm as well as the connection to

shore. Government permit is required by chapter 7 section 28 a – 29 b Swedish Environmental Code (1998:808) for measures within SEZ that may affect the environment in the Natura 2000 area. The application for a permit for installing marine cables will be submitted separately. For further details, please see the attached consultation document.

Comments received during the consultation process will be compiled and included in a consultation report. The consultation report is used as a basis for the EIA and is to be added as an attachment when the applications are submitted for consideration.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden requests that potential comments are to be submitted **no later than September 9th, 2022** 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 during the public consultation in your country.

Kindly forward your answer to this notification by e-mail to registrator@naturvardsverket.se and indicate case number: NV-06333-22 as well as “Olof Skötkonung”.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Consultation document (Swedish, Finnish, English)

Cc.

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