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**Mr
Seija Rantakallio
Finnish Point of Contact
for the Espoo Convention
Ministry of Environment of Finland**

Ref.: notification in accordance with article 3 paragraph 2 of the Espoo Convention about planned activity that is likely to cause a significant adverse transboundary impact

As a response to your letter dated on 27 March 2013, concerning the request to be notified on the planned Offshore Wind Farm "Baltica-1", I present the following information.

In accordance with article 3 paragraph 2 of the *Convention on environmental impact assessment in a transboundary context done at Espoo, on 25 February 1991*, I would like to inform you that the company **Elektrownia Wiatrowa Baltica-1 Sp. z o. o.** (Wind Farm Baltica-1) based in Warsaw is going to realize planned activity "Construction of offshore wind farms with maximum total capacity of 900 MW, including technical, measurement, research and service infrastructure associated with preparatory, construction and exploitation stage".

At the same time I attach the "Information Sheet of a Project" in Swedish language, which means the document contains the basic information on the proposed activity, in particular the data concerning: the type, scale and localization of the project, the type of technology, the possible options of the project, the measures to protect the environment, the type and predicted quantities of the emissions.

The planned activity is the one which may always have a significant impact on the environment, i.e. is included in the Annex I to the *Directive 2011/92/EU on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on environment (EIA Directive)*. It means that the environmental impact assessment is obligatory for this planned activity and the scoping stage is currently carrying out.

Within the framework of the EIA procedure that is conducted by the Regional Director for Environmental Protection in Gdańsk, in accordance with *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 (O.J. 08.199.1227 as amended)*, hereinafter: *The EIA Act of Law* a decision on environmental conditions will be issued (EIA decision). Such decision is necessary to be obtained before application for a building permit (development consent).

Please inform the General Director for Environmental Protection (ul. Wawelska 52/54, 00-922 Warszawa) within 30-day period since receiving this notification whether or not Finland intends to participate in the transboundary EIA as the affected Party.

At the same time I inform you, that **Finland has an opportunity to express its comments and suggestions on attached document „Information Sheet of a Project” within above-mentioned period.** These comments and suggestions, accordingly to the article 111 paragraph 1 of *The EIA Act of Law* will be considered in issuing the scoping decision, i.e. the decision that defines the scope and content of the EIA documentation.

Yours sincerely,

Katarzyna Twardowska



Deputy Director of EIA Department

Polish Point of Contact to the Espoo Convention

Appendix:

- Information Sheet of a Project in Sweden language (paper version + CD)

Copy to:

- Hanna Dzikowska – Regional Director for Environmental Protection in Gdańsk, ul. Chmielna 54, 80-748 Gdańsk
- Michał Behnke, Kancelaria Radców Prawnych CIC Danuta Pikor, Michał Behnke Sp. p., ul. Śląska 50/6, 81-310 Gdynia
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