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Regarding environmental impact assessment of the
North-West Estonia offshore wind park project

Dear Ms. Rantakallio,

In a letter dated February 15, 2007, Estonia notified Finland regarding the North-West Estonia offshore wind park project. Finland answered on May 11, 2007 and indicated its wish to participate in the transboundary environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure. Summaries of the EIA report were sent to Finland on July 4, 2011, Finland submitted comments on January 31, 2012.

In a letter dated March 15, 2017, the supplemented and updated EIA report prepared by the developer Nelja Energia AS was sent to Finland. Finland submitted comments on May 19, 2017. The answers to those comments prepared by the developer and the leading EIA expert were sent to Finland on July 4, 2017. Finland did not express wish to continue the consultations on EIA.

The Ministry of the Environment of Estonia, acting as the supervisor of the EIA of the project in question, made the decision not to approve the EIA report on July 13, 2018. This decision is based, inter alia, on the reason that the EIA report is not appropriate and sufficient for granting development consent. According to the Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management System Act (i.e. the respective redaction of the law is followed): if the EIA report is not approved, the report must be corrected or modified appropriately and the report must also be published again.

The developer has corrected and modified the EIA report, in the light of the decision of the supervisor. Due to the amendments, the summaries of the modified EIA report (both in Finnish and in English) are additionally also sent to Finland for possible further comments. Inter alia, the changes in the development of the offshore wind park in 2018–2019 have been described in the summaries. For your information, the public display of the EIA report is also taking place in Estonia.

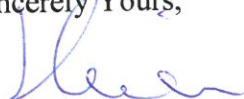
We also draw your attention to the fact that previously the offshore wind park project has been developed by Nelja Energia AS, now the project is being developed by Enefit Green AS. The developer wants to establish an offshore wind farm in order to produce electrical energy with the capacity of up to 1100 MW for electricity generation. The number of planned wind turbines (107-182 pcs) depends on the power of the wind turbine type used (4-12 MW). The distance between wind turbines is approximately 1 km. The developer has chosen shallows located at least 12 km from Hiiumaa coast as the location of the planned wind park.

Information about EIA participants:

- developer: Enefit Green AS, contact person Viktor Joasaare, viktor.joasaare@enefitgreen.ee;
- EIA expert group: Skepast&Puhkim OÜ, contact person Hendrik Puhkim; hendrik.puhkim@skpk.ee;
- decision-maker: Ministry of the Environment of Estonia, contact person Kaspar Anderson, kaspar.anderson@envir.ee.

Should you have comments concerning the modified EIA documentation of the North-West Estonia offshore wind park project, please send them by October 11, 2019.

Sincerely Yours,



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Enclosures:

1. Summary of EIA report in Finnish
2. Summary of EIA report in English

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