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ESTONIA

**Response to notification under Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the Espoo-convention) for 5 proposed wind farms near Hiiumaa, Estonia**

***Decision***

Acknowledging the receipt of Estonia's notification under Article 3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden hereby confirms that it does not intend to participate in the environmental impact assessment procedure.

***Background***

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) has received the notification for the proposed wind farms and has been invited to participate in the environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure for the project and has been given opportunity to comment on the EIA programme.

***Reason for the decision***

The wind farms are proposed to be located approximately 100 km or more from the Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). With regard to the nature and scope of the proposed project, Sweden does not consider the project likely to affect Sweden's EEZ or territory by a significant adverse transboundary impact. Therefore, Sweden does not need to take part in the EIA procedure.

***Comments***

The EIA programme has been examined by SEPA, which has found the scope for the EIA sufficient. As a general comment to the EIA programme, SEPA wants to underline the need to under heading 4.5.7 (*Impact on sea mammals and*

*seabirds*) in the EIA programme, include migratory seabirds regularly using or otherwise depending on the areas for the proposed project.

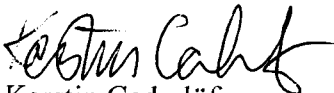
SEPA would like to express its interest in receiving further information about the cable link to Sweden and the alternative routes for this link. This, since the cable link will be a cross-border project which will also require a permit under Swedish law.


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This decision has been taken by Ms. Kerstin Cederlöf, Director of the Enforcement and Implementation Department.

The decision has been prepared by Mr. Martin Pählman, Head of the Land Use and Water Undertaking Section and Mr. Egon Enocksson, Desk officer of the Land Use and Water Undertaking Section.

On behalf of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency.

  
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