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NV-00320-24

To the Point of Contact in:

Latvia
Estonia
Lithuania
Poland
Germany
Finland

Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding a planned offshore wind farm “Ran” in Sweden's territorial waters outside of Gotland.

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 your state regarding the plans for the offshore windfarm “Ran” in the Baltic Sea.

Information on the project

The developer, Ran Vindpark AB (owned by OX2 and Ingka Investments) plans to apply for permit to construct and operate the offshore wind farm ‘Ran’ in Swedish territorial waters. The planned wind farm Ran is located approx. 12 km east of the island Gotland. The planned project area of Ran covers about 330 km². The Ran Energy Farm will consist of approximately 90-121 wind turbines. The wind farm will include related equipment such as transformer/inverter stations and submarine cables. The maximum overall height of the wind turbines is expected to be up to 310 meters.

The distance from the planned Ran Wind Farm to the mainland of Latvia is about 125 km, the distance to Lithuania is about 200 km, the distance to the island of Saaremaa, which belongs to Estonia, is about 150 km, to Finland about 300 km, to Poland about 300 km and to the mainland of Germany is about 470 km.

The permit application of wind farms located within the territorial waters, require a permit for environmentally hazardous activities and marine activities in accordance with Chapters 9 and 11 of the Environmental Code (1998:808). Permits are issued by the Land and Environment Court. For a permit to be granted, a decision from the municipality, in this case Region Gotland, is also required. A permit for laying the inter-array cable network within the energy farm is required in accordance with Section 3 of the Continental Shelf Act (1966:314) (KSL), which is reviewed by the government.

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

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks eventual comments **no later than the 14th of February 2024** 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-00320-24 and "Ran" in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Documentation for notification (Finnish, Polish and English)

Cc.

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OX2 AB, Elina Cuellar