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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 in the Sea of Bothnia in Sweden's economic zone, OWF Aurum.

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 Finland regarding the plans for the potential establishment of an offshore windfarm (OWF) called “Aurum”, located in the Bothnian Sea.

Information on the project

The developer, Aurum Offshore AB (part of Eolus Vind AB) plans to apply for a permit to construct a OWF located in Swedish territorial waters in the Bothnian Sea approximately 3 km outside Robertsfors and Skellefteå municipality, Västerbotten County.

The project area for the wind farm is divided into two areas. The northern project area is approximately 152 km² and the southern is approximately 198 km². Within these two areas, the developer plans for up to 147 wind turbines with a maximum total height of 365 m. The installed power is estimated to amount to approx. 2,200 MW, which would mean an annual addition of approx. 8.4 TWh of renewable electricity to the Swedish electricity grid.

Future permit applications with associated EIA will be designed based on input received from consultations, to make possible delimitations of the investigation area for the OWF and investigation corridors for cables.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks Finland to respond to this notification **no later than the 25th of August 2023** and:

1. Acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. Indicate, whether Finland 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, and
4. Submit any comments received from the public or others concerned in Finland.

Kindly send the answer by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se. Please indicate case number NV-04619-23 and “OWF Aurum” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

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Attachments

Consultation document (Swedish + Finnish)

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