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MINISTRY OF CLIMATE

To the Points of Contact for the Espoo
Convention in Finland, Latvia, Lithuania
and Sweden

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Regarding the environmental impact assessment of
the additional area of Utilitas Wind OÜ Saare-Liivi
offshore wind farm project in the Gulf of Riga

On 25 April 2023, by letter No. 16-3/22/2464-20, the Ministry of the Environment of Estonia¹ provided Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden updated information regarding the environmental impact assessment (EIA) of Utilitas Wind OÜ Saare-Liivi offshore wind farm project in the Gulf of Riga. It has been explained that the decision-maker, i.e. the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority, has amended its decision of initiating the project's superficies licence proceedings and EIA, and shifted the area planned to be encumbered in the public water body for the establishment of the Saare-Liivi offshore wind farm. The shift of the initial area and therefore, the amendment of the original decision has been applied by the developer on the basis of, inter alia, the primary results of the birdlife survey.

Hereby we are informing you that the developer has prepared the EIA programme of **the additional encumbered area of Saare-Liivi offshore wind farm**. The developer has translated the EIA programme into English, also brief summaries in Latvian, Lithuanian, Swedish and Finnish have been prepared. All the forementioned documentation has been enclosed.

In Estonia, the public display of the EIA programme takes place from 13 July to 10 August 2023. The public hearing will take place on 21 August 2023 in Kihnu (physical/virtual meeting).

Estonia kindly asks the affected Parties to respond by 12 September 2023 at the latest (e-mail: info@kliimaministeerium.ee) and:

- to provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory;
- to submit the comments you might receive from the public and authorities in your country regarding the EIA programme.

¹ Since 1 July 2023 Ministry of Climate

Description of the project

The developer Utilitas Wind OÜ is planning to establish an offshore wind farm in the Pärnu County maritime area in the Gulf of Riga. Under the application for superficies licence (18 February 2021), Utilitas Wind OÜ planned an offshore wind farm consisting of a maximum 299 turbines with a spacing of an estimated 1 km between turbines. The purpose of use of the structure is to generate power and/or hydrogen via the offshore wind power plant infrastructure. According to the EIA programme declared in conformity to the requirements of Saare-Liivi offshore wind farm, up to 160 turbines were planned for the original encumbered part and the distance between the turbines was put tentatively at 1-1.25 km. The number of wind turbines planned for the additional Saare-Liivi offshore wind farm area (dealt with by this EIA programme) is, according to the application of 30 June 2022 from Utilitas Wind, up to 92 (spaced 1 km apart).

Alternative technical solutions for various components will be examined and assessed in the course of the EIA as sub-alternatives to the main activity, i.e. the primary alternative for erecting wind farm (part) in the additional Saare-Liivi offshore wind farm area. The power rating of the turbines will be evaluated in the range of 14-20 MW and the maximum peak height is 400 m.

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