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Consultation in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the plans for the offshore wind farm in the Sea of Bothnia in Sweden's economic zone, Eystrasalt Offshore.

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency notified Finland on the 21st of March 2021 of the developers plans to apply for a permit for the "Eystrasalt offshore" wind farm. Finland replied to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency that they request to participate in consultations in accordance with the Espoo Convention.

In accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), Sweden hereby invites Finland to submit comments on Eystrasalt Offshore AB (EYOAB) permit application and environmental impact assessment (EIA) for the plans for the offshore windfarm project "Eystrasalt Offshore" in the Sea of Bothnia in Sweden's economic zone.

The planned project

The Eystrasalt Offshore wind farm is planned to be developed on the Eystrasalt Bank in the Bothnian Sea, outside of Hudiksvall within Sweden's economic zone. The project regards the establishment of a wind farm with an installed output of approximately 3,900 MW with wind turbines with a maximum total height of 370 m. The project is estimated to be able to produce approximately 15 TWh of renewable energy per year. The distance to the Finnish economic zone is about 13 km and the shortest distance to the Finnish coast is about 110 km. The planned project area covers an area of approximately 949 km² with an average depth of approximately 42 m.

As the project is located in Sweden's economic zone, a permit is required according to Section 5 of the Swedish Economic Zone Act (1992:1140) to build and operate the facilities. Permits under SEZ are reviewed and decided by the government. To an application in the case of an SEZ permit, an EIA must be drawn up and chapter. 2–4 shall be applied for the examination. and chapter. 5 §§ 3–5 and 18 of the Environmental code.

Upcoming process

The developer has now submitted an environmental impact assessment to the government in accordance with the law (1992:1140) on Sweden's economic zone (SEZ), the government has commissioned the county administrative board of Gävleborg to prepare the permit application.

Sweden kindly asks you to submit your comments **no later than 29th of February 2024** and to:

- provide comments concerning the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project affecting your country.
- submit any comments you might receive from the public and the authorities in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this consultation by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se. Please indicate Case number NV-02980-21 and “Eystrasalt” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Attachments

Permit application (Swedish and Finnish)
ESBO EIA (Swedish and Finnish)

Cc.

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County administrative board of Gävleborg, Anna Stjernström