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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 wind farm in Haparanda stad, Norrbottens län, called “Palojärvi vindpark”

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 windfarm “Palojärvi”, in Haparanda.

Information on the project

The developer, Fred. Olsen Renewables AB intends to apply for a permit under the Environmental Code (1998:808) to construct and operate the wind farm Palojärvi in Haparanda municipality. A maximum of 54 wind turbines are planned with a maximum total height of 330 meters covering an area of approximately 40 km². In addition, the project area includes areas for lines, internal electrical network, setup and establishment areas as well as areas for service buildings and other associated infrastructure such as possible access roads. The closest parts of the project area are approximately 10 km from the boarder to Finland.

Attached to this notification letter contains information about the planned wind farm's location, scope and design, and the preliminary content and design of the EIA.

Future permit applications with associated EIA will be designed based on what emerges during the scoping consultations and will be supplemented with investigations. The investigations, together with opinions from consultations, will form the basis for the final design of the wind farm and form the basis for the environmental impact assessment that is produced as a basis for the permit application.

The permitting authority for windfarms in this area is the environmental review delegation at the County Administrative Board for Norrbotten.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks Finland to respond **no later than the 26th of June 2024** at the latest 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.
4. submit any comments you might receive from the public in Finland.

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

registrator@naturvardsverket.se Please indicate Case number NV-04230-24 and “Palojärvi” 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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