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**REGARDING TRANSBOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR
THE OFFSHORE WIND PARK “RAN” IN SWEDEN’S TERRITORIAL WATERS
OUTSIDE OF GOTLAND**

Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania would like to thank Swedish Environmental Protection Agency for submission of consultation documentation concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of offshore windfarm “Ran” project in Sweden's territorial waters outside of Gotland.

Ministry of Environment, acting as an authority responsible for coordination of the transboundary environmental impact assessment (EIA) process in accordance with the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) published the received documentation on its website and distributed it to the relevant national authorities, providing an opportunity to submit comments and proposals.

Ministry of Environment has completed the procedures of consulting public and relevant national authorities and informs about the results of consultations:

- Lithuania does not consider the Project to have likely significant adverse transboundary effects on the environment of Lithuania and does not intend to participate in the transboundary consultation process as the affected party,

- we have not proposals or comments concerning the scope for the assessment,

- we ask to correct the following information: NATURA 2000 site “Akmenrags” assigned to Lithuania in chapter 4.3.2 of the document should be assigned to Latvia,

- we suggest taking into account that the implementation of the “Ran” project will increase the cumulative effect and will have an indirect impact on the entire Baltic Sea ecosystem, especially on the eastern Gotland basin,

- we kindly ask to provide the information about the progress of the wind farm “Ran” project and about the solutions for connecting this park to the electricity grids when they are known.

Considering that Lithuania is planning to continue development of offshore wind energy projects in the Baltic Sea we would like to ask to provide information on final decisions for proper assessment of the cumulative effects of different projects.

Naturally, in case the EIA reveals that the Project is likely to cause a significant adverse transboundary impact on the environment of Lithuania, we kindly ask you to contact us again so that we can reassess the situation and the need for participation in the procedures of EIA.

Yours sincerely,

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