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To the Point of Contact in:
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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 “Kappeira” in Sweden's exclusive economic zone between Gotland and the Swedish mainland.

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 your state regarding the plans for the offshore windfarm “Kappeira” in the Baltic Sea.

Information on the project

The developer, Zephyr Baltic Offshore AB plans to apply for permit to construct and operate the offshore wind farm ‘Kappeira’ in Swedish exclusive economic zone (EEZ). The Kappeira wind farm is planned to be located between Gotland and the Swedish mainland, within the Swedish exclusive economic zone. The project area covers 486 km² and closest distance is 24 km from the north-western coastline of Gotland. The wind farm is planned to have a maximum of 143 wind turbines with a maximum total height of 370 meters above sea level. The annual electricity production is estimated to approximately 9.5 TWh. All wind turbines will have floating foundations. In addition to the production of electricity, the operation may also include the production and storage of hydrogen. The consultation is limited to the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the wind farm and includes potential hydrogen production/storage and associated infrastructure, such as wind turbines with foundations, platforms, measuring masts, internal cable networks, pipelines, and substations.

Permits for the export cable network and/or export pipeline as well as land connection will be carried out in separate permitting processes and are therefore not included in this consultation document.

The project area is located within Sweden's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). As mentioned above, the applicable legislation when applying for a permit is the Act on Sweden's Exclusive Economic Zone (1992:1140). Permits are handled by the Swedish government as well as permits for the wind farm's internal cable network/internal pipelines in accordance with the Continental Shelf Act (1966:314).

Comments received during the consultation process will be compiled and included in a consultation report. The consultation report is a basis for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and is to be added as an attachment when the applications are submitted.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks eventual comments **no later than the 22nd of April 2024** at the latest and:

1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. indicate, whether your country 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 your country.

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

registrator@naturvardsverket.se Please indicate Case number NV-02449-24 and “Kapeira” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

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Attachments

Consultation document Kapheira (Polish and English)

Cc.

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