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**REGARDING TRANSBOUNDARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR  
THE MARINE SEISMIC SURVEYS AND MARINE GEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS  
THROUGHOUT THE BALTIC SEA**

Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania would like to thank Swedish Environmental Protection Agency for submission of environmental impact assessment (EIA) report for the plans for geophysical surveys in the Baltic Sea.

The Ministry of Environment of Lithuania, as an authority responsible for the coordination of the transboundary EIA process in accordance with the Espoo Convention, published the documentation received on its website and distributed it to relevant national authorities, providing an opportunity to submit comments and proposals.

The Ministry of Environment did not receive any comments or proposals from the public. During consultations with relevant institutions, the Ministry of Environment received recommendations only from the State Service for Protected Areas under the Ministry of Environment (hereinafter – SSPA).

SSPA noted that the area where seabed surveys are planned is sufficiently distant from Lithuania's protected areas and the 'Natura 2000' areas within Lithuanian territory. Therefore, it is not expected to have a direct significant negative impact on the natural values protected in these areas.

However, the EIA report indicates that the survey area partially overlaps with a 'Natura 2000' area that protects critically endangered species, which are also protected in Lithuanian protected areas and 'Natura 2000' areas in Europe. Among them are the harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), the common eider (*Somateria mollissima*), and fish species that are important for the diet of these species. Moreover, one of the research areas is identified as the most important habitat for the Baltic Sea seal.

As the planned survey can have impact not only in the exclusive economic zone of Sweden but also on the areas within its territorial waters, and this can increase cumulative impacts and

indirectly effect on the entire Baltic Sea ecosystem, SSPA strongly recommends ensuring the monitoring of impacts and changes in those risk areas identified during the EIA process.

Such monitoring is important for assessing the environmental changes caused by the survey, the effectiveness of mitigation measures, and the possible need for additional measures for future activities.

The Ministry of Environment of Lithuania would like to thank you for constructive transboundary consultations and kindly ask to consider the above-provided recommendations during the upcoming processes.

We kindly request to consider the above-mentioned comments and suggestions, and to inform us how they were taken into account. We also kindly ask you to send us the information mentioned in Article 6 of the Espoo Convention when the final decision is made.

Yours sincerely,

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