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Regarding notification of the environmental impact assessment for activity listed in the Appendix I of the Espoo Convention (wind park “Eleja”)

The State Environment Service (hereinafter – the Service), acting as a Point of Contact regarding Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter – the Espoo Convention) of Latvia and the competent authority on the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – the EIA) in Latvia, hereby notifies the Republic of Lithuania about the initiated EIA procedure of the development project “Construction of the wind park “Eleja” and related infrastructure in the parishes of Sesaa and Eleja of Jelgava municipality and Viesturs parish of Bauska municipality (developer LLC “Utilitas Wind”) (hereinafter – the Project) as activity is listed under the point 22 of the Appendix 1 of the Espoo Convention and is the wind park research area borders the Republic of Lithuania.

It is planned to construct up to 17 next-generation high-capacity wind turbines within the wind park, with the total installed capacity reaching approximately 136 MW. The exact number of wind turbines will be determined during the EIA process. The size of the research area is 2738 ha (more detailed information is proved by the developer of the Project and included in the attachment of this notification).

The competent authority responsible for issuing the decision of necessity of the EIA, the EIA Programme as well as a reasoned opinion on the EIA report is the Service. The decision about necessity of the EIA of the Project was issued on April 21, 2026. The EIA Programme was issued on May 6, 2026¹. According to the national legislation the developer of the Project will organize

¹ Current information about the progress of the project in Latvian is available on the website <https://www.eva.gov.lv/lv/ietekmes-uz-vidi-novertejumu-projekti/veja-parka-eleja-un-ta-saistitas-infrastruktur-as-buvnieciba-jelgavas-novada-sesavas-un-elejas-pagastos-un-bauskas-novada-viesturu-pagasta-sia-utilitas-wind>.

initial public participation process within which the developer will inform the public about the Project and possibility to submit written proposals on the possible impact of this activity on the environment that shall be considered in the EIA of the Project and EIA report. The developer will organize also in-person meetings that will be held in Latvian on May 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bērvircava Community Center (Upes Street 1, Bērvircava, Sesava Parish, Jelgava Municipality, LV-3034) and on May 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Svitene Community Center (“Gaismas”, Svitene, Svitene Parish, Bauskas County, LV-3917).

According to the principles of the Espoo Convention where a party of origin for a proposed activity listed in Appendix I considers that the proposed activity is likely to cause a significant transboundary impact, the party of origin shall, for the purposes of ensuring adequate and effective consultations, notify any party which it considers may be an affected party as early as possible and no later than when informing its own public about that proposed activity. Referring to Article 3.3. of the Espoo Convention Latvia kindly asks the Republic of Lithuania to respond **until July 1, 2026**, at the latest and:

- acknowledge the receipt of the notification;
- indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure;
- provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the Project on your territory;
- submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country;
- inform about any technical details regarding the documentation form, language of the EIA report or other information as well as requirements regarding public participation procedures.

Response to this notification shall be sent to the State Environment Service of the Republic of Latvia (e-mail: pasts@vvd.gov.lv).

Attachment: Application for the intended activity of construction of the wind farm “Eleja” and associated infrastructure in Jelgava and Bauska municipalities (file: *Application_Eleja_ENG.pdf*).

Sincerely yours,
Director of Permitting Board

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