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REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

We would like to thank Swedish Environmental Protection Agency for submission of the documents, related to Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context for the plans for the offshore windfarm at Södra Midsjöbanken (hereinafter referred to as the Project).

Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania, as an authority coordinating the transboundary EIA process in accordance with the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a transboundary Context (hereinafter – Espoo Convention), organized the process of informing the public and consulting relevant Lithuanian authorities: published the received documentation on its website and distributed it to relevant national authorities, providing an opportunity to submit their comments and proposals.

Taking into account the comments received from the national authorities, Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania does not consider the Project to have likely significant adverse transboundary effects on the environment of Lithuania and therefore does not intend to participate in the environmental impact assessment procedure under paragraphs 5 to 8 of Article 3 and Articles 4 to 7 of the Espoo Convention.

However, Lithuania is interested to obtain the information on the development of electricity network and offshore wind farms in Sweden and the progress of the planned offshore wind farm project, as the information provided envisages that the planned offshore wind farm and its connection to the land is planned near the Lithuanian-Swedish electricity connection NordBalt.

Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania kindly ask to keep us informed about the progress of the Project (including the outcomes of the decision making procedures) and to provide a summary of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (in English), when it is available.

Yours sincerely,

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