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Regarding the Eesti Energia AS offshore
wind farm project in the Gulf of Riga

Dear Ms. Balka,

In a letter dated February 7, 2020, Estonia notified Latvia concerning the Eesti Energia AS offshore wind farm project in the Gulf of Riga. Latvia indicated its wish to participate in the environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure (letter date March 27, 2020).

Hereby we are sending You the project's amended EIA programme that has been translated into Latvian by the developer (Annex 1). Please be informed that the decision-maker – the Consumer Protection and Technical Regulatory Authority – organized the first public display of the EIA programme in March 2020, however, due to the coronavirus pandemic the public hearing did not take place. The developer together with the expert group has corrected and modified the EIA programme on the basis of the public display and approving procedure with national authorities.

In Estonia, the public display of the amended EIA programme takes place from October 12 to November 2, 2020. Public hearings will take place on November 3 and 4, 2020. On the basis of the approved EIA programme, the EIA report will be prepared.

In addition, the developer has prepared a letter with answers to the comments and suggestions that have been summarized in the answer of Latvia to the notification, i.e. feedback of the various stakeholders during the publication of the notification in Latvia (Annex 2). In terms of some specific issues described in the answer of Latvia and with a view to harmonious cooperation, the developer is kindly asking for the possible contacts of the relevant Latvian authorities.

Considering the agreed approach of the Commission on Transboundary EIA between Estonia and Latvia, Estonia kindly asks Latvia to respond by **14 December 2020** (e-mail: keskkonnaministeerium@envir.ee) and:

- to provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory;
- to submit the comments you might receive from the public and authorities in your country regarding EIA programme.

Sincerely Yours,

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Enclosures:

Annex 1 – EIA programme in Latvian

Annex 2 – developer's letter

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