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**INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY – DISMANTLING AND
DECONTAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE WORKING AREAS R1 AND R2
OF IGNALINA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT UNIT 2 REACTOR (PROJECT 2102)**

As it is known, starting from 31 December 2009, the State Enterprise “Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant” (hereinafter referred to as INPP) completely ceased the production of electricity due to obligations of the Republic of Lithuania, provided for in the Treaty of Accession to the European Union. The INPP decommissioning is performed as a large project, regulated by the Law on the Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning of the Republic of Lithuania, No. XII-914. The whole project is being implemented via a number of smaller subprojects, in accordance with the continuous step by step approach chosen during the scoping phase of the EIA for the overall project. This approach was selected because of the long-term nature of the project and with an intention of applying state of the art methods for every step and to ensure that environmental effects of the previous steps can be taken into account during further planning and assessment.

The proposed activity – Dismantling and decontamination of equipment from the working areas R1 and R2 of INPP Unit 2 reactor (Project 2102) is one of the activities within the large INPP decommissioning mega-project (for additional information about the overall mega-project see enclosed presentation).

After the Second Amendment of the UN Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter referred to as Espoo Convention) came into force in 2017, even such smaller subprojects may be considered as proposed activities under Annex I – “Nuclear power stations and other nuclear reactors, including the dismantling or decommissioning of such power stations or reactors”.

Therefore, this letter intends to inform your State of the proposed activity “Dismantling and decontamination of equipment from the working areas R1 and R2 of Ignalina Nuclear Power Plant Unit 2 reactor (Project 2102)”. Given that the proposed activity includes only dismantling and decontamination of the equipment and is *highly unlikely to have significant impacts* on the environment of your State, we are not sending a notification in the same way if significant adverse transboundary effects were likely. However, we are taking a precautionary approach and would like to provide you with information about the progress of the EIA and relevant decision making.

According to Lithuanian legislation, the proposed activity is subject to environmental impact assessment (hereinafter referred to as the EIA). Information on the EIA process, the nature of the possible decision and a more detailed description of the proposed activity and its possible transboundary impacts is provided in the non-technical summary of the EIA Report, attached to this letter (in English and Russian). The summary and presentation on the mega-project of INPP decommissioning is available online, on the homepage of the Ministry of Environment: <http://am.lrv.lt> → EN → Activities → Environmental Impact Assessment → Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context → Dismantling and decontamination of equipment from the INPP Unit 2 Reactor working areas R1 and R2.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us no later than **30 June 2021**.

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Annexes enclosed: Non-technical Summary of the EIA Report (in English and Russian); Presentation on the mega-project of INPP decommissioning.

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