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**REGARDING NOTIFICATION ABOUT THE PLANNED PEAT EXTRACTION IN  
JUODYMAS PEAT DEPOSIT**

We would like to remind that on 14 April 2015 by letter No. (10-3)-D8-2769 we have notified the Republic of Latvia about the initiation of environmental impact assessment (hereinafter – EIA) procedure by *Nereta Ltd* (preparer of the EIA documentation – *GJ Magma Ltd*) for the planned peat extraction in Juodymas peat deposit, which would cover the area of 258,71 hectares.

In the meantime *Legra Ltd* being interested in peat extraction in Juodymas peat deposit has also initiated the EIA procedure, its consultant *J. Jonyno ecofirma Ltd* is preparing the EIA documentation. Therefore, taking into account the requirements of the Article 7 of Directive 2011/92/EU, the spirit of good neighbourhood and the letter of Environment State Bureau of the Republic of Latvia dated 11 May 2015 No. 3-01/1069 we would like to notify you about the newly initiated EIA for the planned peat extraction in Juodymas peat deposit.

*Legra Ltd* is planning to carry out the peat extraction work in the detailed explored area of the peat deposit (210 ha). It is planned to extract about 100000 m<sup>3</sup> of peat annually. The extraction works will be carried during the warm season from April till the end of October. Peat extraction is planned only in the territory of the Republic of Lithuania leaving a safe distance no less than 50 m from the Lithuanian-Latvian border, which should be enough to prevent any adverse transboundary impacts. However, during EIA the influence of changes of hydrological and hydrogeological conditions of draining the planned area of peat deposit and its nearest surroundings will be examined and targeted ground water balance calculations will be carried out, if there's a need the safe distance to the border would be increased. The results of these evaluations will be presented in the EIA report.

Botanical and zoological studies are being carried out in the planned area and the nearest surroundings (including expert inspections in the territory of the Republic of Latvia (conclusion enclosed)). The data and results of the assessment of impacts on biodiversity at Juodymas peat extraction deposit, measures for reduction of negative impact on biodiversity during extraction

time, and a plan of measures for damage compensation and balancing of biodiversity and marsh ecosystems after peat extraction will be presented in the EIA report.

The EIA procedure will follow the same stages and order as presented in the letter of the Ministry of Environment in the letter No. (10-3)-D8-2769 of 14 April 2015.

Please advise us about your willingness to participate in the EIA procedure by 21 December, 2015. In case of positive answer please provide comments on the submitted EIA program (the document is in Lithuanian language, the summary of which (including information about possible transboundary impacts) is in English) by the same date. Please address your response to this notification and comments to Mr. Vitalijus Auglys point of contact regarding Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. The contact information is provided below:

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Please find enclosed:

- 1) EIA program (in Lithuanian);
- 2) Summary of EIA program and graphic information (in Lithuanian and English);
- 3) Expert conclusion regarding the possible impact of the planned peat extraction on the habitats and plant species in the territory of Latvia (in Lithuanian and Latvian).

Yours sincerely

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