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**NOTIFICATION REGARDING PROPOSED INSTALLATIONS FOR THE
HARNESSING OF WIND POWER FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION (WIND FARMS) IN
AKMENĒ DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, KRUOPIAI WARD, BAMBALAI VILLAGE**

As a country of origin under whose jurisdiction a proposed activity is envisaged to take place, the Republic of Lithuania hereby notifies the Republic of Latvia about a proposed activity listed in Appendix I to the UN Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter referred to as Espoo Convention) – a major installation for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (wind farm).

The economic activity is proposed by a Lithuanian developer, JSC Windfarm Akmenė Two and includes construction and operation of up to 6 wind power plants, located in Akmenė district municipality, village of Bambalai, ward of Kruopiai. The distance from the proposed economic activity to the State border of the Republic of Latvia is around 800 m. The technical specifications of wind turbines, models that are planned to be built are provided in the Annex 1.

According to Lithuanian legislation and Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, amended by Directive 2014/52/EU (hereinafter referred to as the EIA Directive), installations for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (wind farms) are subject to screening for environmental impact assessment (hereinafter referred to as screening for EIA).

However, the developer of the proposed economic activity referring to the Article 7.11 of the Lithuanian Law on Environmental Impact Assessment of the Proposed Economic Activity has started the environmental impact assessment procedures without screening for EIA and prepared environmental impact assessment program – scoping document of the JSC Windfarm Akmenė Two up to 6 wind turbines (WTs) in Akmenė district, Kruopiai ward C1 zone, that includes information on the location of the proposed activity and information on expected environmental

impacts to be assessed in EIA report. The summary of the scoping document in English is attached to this notification.

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention and other relevant provisions of international and national legislation we kindly ask you to respond by **October 19, 2020** at the latest by acknowledging receipt of the notification, expressing your position regarding the need for a transboundary environmental impact assessment for this activity and indicating whether you intend to participate in the environmental impact assessment procedures as a potentially affected country. We also respectfully request you to inform relevant competent authorities and the public of the Republic of Latvia about the proposed economic activity.

Please address your response to this notification 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:

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Enclosures: Annex 1. Summary of the EIA scoping document.

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