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Consultation in accordance with article 4 and 5 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and the EU Directive 2011/92/EU for Södra Midsjöbanken Offshore Wind Farm

By letter of 30 June 2011 Sweden notified Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia Lithuania, Poland and Russian Federation in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (the Espoo Convention) regarding the planned project Södra Midsjöbanken Wind Farm.

Sweden received answers from Estonia, Finland and Poland who indicate their wish to participate in the EIA procedure. Sweden also received answers from Latvia and Lithuania who don't wish to participate but would like to be further informed about the result of the environmental impact assessment. Denmark and Russia Federation abstained from further participation.

Modification of the project

The project and hence the notification and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was originally based on the conditions that the planned wind farm at Södra Midsjöbanken would be connected to the planned direct current cable between Sweden and Lithuania (NordBalt). The Swedish authority Svenska Kraftnät, responsible for the national grid, then stated that it will not be possible to connect the Södra Midsjöbanken wind farm to NordBalt. The developer E. ON Wind has therefor considered other alternatives for connecting the wind farm, and has decided to connect the wind farm directly to the Swedish national grid.

A connection directly to the grid means that the wind farm project is no longer restricted by NordBalt's planned capacity of 700 MW. As a result, Södra Midsjöbanken's full potential for energy production, up to 2.1 GW can be utilized.

In the notification document the wind farm turbines was planned for a maximal capacity of 3.6 MW and a maximal number of 300 turbines but the project was also framed by the 700 MW capacity restriction for the NordBalt cable. The modification of the project without this restriction has resulted in a wind farm project with the same maximum number of turbines with 7 MW, giving a total installed capacity of 2 100 MW. The modification will also enable the annual electricity production to rise from estimated 2.8 TWh to 8.4 TWh. Since the development of the new offshore wind farm turbines is focusing on fewer units with increased capacity, the modified project application includes the possibility to use up to 10 MW units but the maximum installed capacity will still be 2 100 MW.

The hearing and permitting process

The developer submitted the permit application according to the Act (1992:1140) on Sweden's Economic Zone (SEZ) and the EIA-report to the Ministry of the Environment (now named the Ministry of the Environment and the Energy) in February 2012. After the Ministry of the Environment has asked the developer for supplemented information the first amendment to the application was handed in in September 2012. However due to the new circumstances in the project, the developer has revised the scope of the project and submitted supplementary application and supplementary environmental information to the Ministry in December 2013.

The Ministry of the Environment and the Energy sent the application and the EIA-report for consultation to authorities and stakeholders 27 January 2015 to be answered 27 February 2015 at the latest.

The developer has now translated the whole EIA-report and supplementary environmental information into English and requested parts (as the non-technical summary and proposed permit conditions) into the language of the countries who indicate their wish to participate. For those parties who only wish to be informed, the English version will be provided.

The documents are sent to Estonia, Finland and Poland both as printed copies and as memory sticks. In the hard copies and at the memory stick there is a detailed description on which parts of the application, the EIA and the supplementary document that have been translated to each language. The whole packages of documents in each language are also enclosure to the consultation e-mail.

The documents, including original documents in Swedish, will also be available at the developers' website:

<http://www.eon-norge.no/en/wind/projects.html>

For more information about the Espoo-consultation process please contact:

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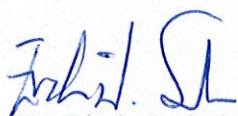
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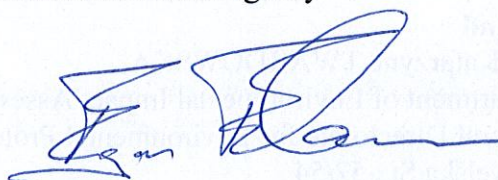
Sweden kindly asks you to submit your comments **no later than 11 December 2015**. Please indicate the case number NV-06410-11.

Please send your answer with e-mail to:
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Enclosures: (Each language in a compressed document in separate e-mail)

Overview of permit application documents and translations available for the Espoo consultation process (English, In each language on the memory stick)

Amendment II for SEZ application (20/12/2013) (English, Estonian, Finnish, Polish)

Memo to amendment II (16/12/2013) (English, Estonian, Finnish, Polish)

Appendix to Memo about migrating bats (Autumn 2012) (English)

Memo to amendment I regarding EIA (5/9/2012) (English, Estonian, Finnish, Polish)

Map to amendment I regarding development areas (5/9/2012)

SEZ application (17/1/2012) –extract regarding proposed conditions (English, Estonian, Finnish, Polish)

EIA to SEZ application (31/1/2012) (Full version in English and parts in Estonian, Finnish, Polish)

Maps to EIA (31/1/2012)

Consultation Statements to SEZ application (31/1/2012) (English)

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