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NV-05611-20 and **NV-06410-11**

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In reference to notifications pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context regarding offshore windfarms *Södra Midsjöbanken* and *Galatea-Galene*.

Environment State Bureau (hereinafter referred to as the Bureau), acting as a competent authority on environmental impact assessment (hereinafter referred to as EIA) in Latvia, thanks the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency for notifications sent concerning two planned offshore windfarm projects - *Södra Midsjöbanken* and *Galatea-Galene* (case numbers NV-05611-20 and NV-06410-11).

According to article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (hereinafter referred to as Espoo Convention) the Bureau herewith acknowledges the receipt of both notifications.

Bureau has gathered opinions from the Ministry of Environment and Regional Development, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Agriculture, and State Environmental Service. The common opinion of interested parties is that Latvia is not likely to be directly and negatively influenced by the impact of the planned offshore windfarm projects *Södra Midsjöbanken* and *Galatea-Galene*. Therefore, the Bureau informs that Latvia will not participate in EIA as an affected party in accordance to Espoo Convention.

Nevertheless, we kindly ask the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency to keep us informed about the findings of transboundary impact assessment and the results of EIA.

Sincerely yours,

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