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Regarding environmental impact assessment of the
North-West Estonia offshore wind park project

In a letter dated February 15, 2007 Estonia notified Finland regarding the North-West Estonia offshore wind park project. Finland answered on May 11, 2007 and indicated its wish to participate in the transboundary environmental impact assessment (EIA) procedure. Summaries of the EIA report were sent to Finland on July 4, 2011, Finland submitted comments on January 31, 2012.

Now the developer Nelja Energia AS has prepared supplemented and updated EIA report where also the comments of Finland have been taken into account.

According to the Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management System Act the EIA report should be forwarded to the affected state not later than when the public display of the report commences in Estonia. The developer has explained that the translation procedure of the voluminous documentation, including quality control, required more time than expected. The public display of the EIA report is ongoing in Estonia.

Hereby we are sending the summaries of the updated EIA report, both in Finnish and in English. Additionally the bird study report in English is enclosed.

Information about EIA participants:

- developer: Nelja Energia AS, contact person Siim Paist, siim.paist@neljaenergia.ee;
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- EIA supervisor: Ministry of Environment, contact person Rainer Persidski, rainer.persidski@envir.ee.

Nelja Energia AS wants to construct offshore wind park in order to produce electrical energy with the capacity of 700-1100 MW. The developer has chosen shallows located at least 12 km from Hiiumaa coast as the location of the planned wind park. Nominal power of wind turbine is 4-7 MW, hub height 100-105 m and diameter of the rotor 130-164 m. Based on the seabed conditions the developer assesses the realistic capacity of the wind park around 700-1100 MW, i.e. installing approximately 166 wind turbines. The distance between wind turbines is approximately 1 km.

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Should you have comments concerning the EIA documentation, please send them within two months after receiving this letter.

Sincerely Yours,

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Point of Contact for the Espoo Convention

Enclosure:
1. summary of EIA report in Finnish;
2. summary of EIA report in English;
3. bird study in English.

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