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Response to the letter regarding the environmental impact assessment of the wind farm "Valmiera-Valka"

Dear Daiga Avdejanova,

On 13 October 2023, Latvia notified Estonia in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the "Valmiera-Valka" wind farm project. On 23 November 2023, Estonia sent a response to Latvia, expressing its intention to participate in the environmental impact assessment (hereinafter *EIA*) of the wind farm "Valmiera-Valka".

On 12 November 2024, Latvia informed Estonia of the EIA report of the "Valmiera-Valka" wind farm project and forwarded the EIA report in English and a summary of the EIA report in Estonian along with the letter. The Ministry of Climate of Estonia organised a public display of these documents (from 9 December 2024 to 3 January 2025). On 13 January 2025, Estonia sent an reply to Latvia's letter, enclosing the statements received from the Estonian Environmental Board during the public consultation process.

On 20 March 2025, Latvia informed Estonia that the EIA consultant LLC "Enviroprojekts" had prepared responses to the comments submitted by the Environmental Board, as well as statements Latvia had received from the non-governmental organisation MTÜ Inimese ja Looduse Eest and two private individuals, and had also updated the EIA report and its summary. Latvia requested that this information be shared with the Environmental Board. Latvia explained that as the letters by the non-governmental organisation and the individuals had been sent directly to Latvia, separate responses would be addressed to the organisation and the individuals.

On 15 March 2025, the Ministry of Climate of Estonia forwarded the updated EIA documents, including the EIA consultant's responses, to the Environmental Board. On 25 April 2025, the Environmental Board sent a response (enclosed), indicating that the planned activity is not

anticipated to have any significant transboundary impact on Estonia and confirming that no further comments or proposals regarding the EIA report are to be made.

Sincerely Yours,

(signed electronically)
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Enclosure: response by the Environmental Board

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