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**Supplementary notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding a planned offshore wind farm “Polargrund Offshore” in Sweden’s territorial waters and exclusive economic zone.**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2022, The Swedish EPA notified Finland according to article 3 point 1 of the Espoo Convention [EIA], regarding the plans for the offshore windfarm “Polargrund Offshore” in the Bothnian Bay. Finland replied to the notification on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2022, with the request to continue participating in transboundary consultations. The Swedish EPA now invites Finland to a supplementary notification consultation regarding changes in the project.

**Information on the updates in the project**

The developer, Skyborn Renewables, plans to investigate the possibility of establishing offshore wind power in the Swedish Exclusive Economic Zone [SEZ] and in the territorial waters in the Bothnian Bay. Nearest islands, Malören and Sandskär, are localised 10 km away from the project area, and nearest land is localised 33 km away from the project area. The project area borders the Finnish Exclusive Economic Zone, northwest of Uleåborg. This supplementary notification regards changes in the size of the project area with a reduction of approximately 20%, changes in the planned hydrogen production and impacts associated with investigations of the seabed.

This supplementary notification refers only to the changes of initially provided information of the project area. All submitted comments and proposals for the scope of the project received in the earlier phase of the transboundary consultation process will be considered in the application and EIA, as well as comments and proposals submitted in response to this supplementary

notification.

The construction and operation of wind turbines and associated projects in the SEZ requires a permit from the Swedish Government in accordance with the SEZ Act (1992:1140). Government approval is also required by law of the Continental Shelf Act (1966:314) to place cables on the continental shelf, as well as extraction of natural resources. Government permit is required by ordinance (2013:251) issued under the Environmental Code (1998:808) for operation and construction for production of hydrogen. For further details, please see the attached document.

Comments received during the consultation process will be compiled and included in a consultation report. The consultation report is used as a basis for the EIA and is to be added as an attachment when the applications are submitted for consideration.

### **Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure**

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden requests that potential comments are to be submitted **no later than October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024** and:

1. acknowledge the receipt of the supplementary notification,
2. provide comments concerning the scope in relation to the supplements for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory,
3. submit any comments you might receive during the consultation in Finland.

Kindly forward your answer to this notification by e-mail to [registrator@naturvardsverket.se](mailto:registrator@naturvardsverket.se) cc: [Richard.kristoffersson@naturvardsverket.se](mailto:Richard.kristoffersson@naturvardsverket.se) and indicate case number: NV-06840-22 as well as “Polargrund Offshore”.

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*This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures*

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**Attachments**

Consultation document (Swedish, Finnish)

**Cc.**

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