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Notification pursuant to Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding planned wind farm called Hirvivaara in Haparanda Municipality, Norrbotten county

According to article 3 point 1 of the Espoo Convention, affected countries shall be notified and consulted on projects that are likely to cause transboundary environmental impacts. As a party of origin, Sweden hereby notifies Finland regarding the plans for the windfarm "Hirvivaara" in Haparanda.

Information on the project

The developer, TOWII Renewables Sweden AB is investigating the possibility of establishing a wind farm called Hirvivaara, approximately 16 kilometers northwest of the town of Haparanda, within Haparanda Municipality, Norrbotten County. The current consultation includes a maximum of 34 wind turbines for the Hirvivaara Wind Farm, with a total height of up to 250 meters. Based on the wind turbines currently available on the market, the wind farm is expected to produce approximately 0.8 TWh per year. The project areas closest point to Finland is approximately 16 km. The planned project is subject to a permit according to Chapter 9 of the Environmental Code.

More information about the project, including consultation documents, is available for download at:

<https://towii.com/se/blog/vindkraftsprojekt-hirvivaara>

The developer will hold a consultation exhibition in Haparanda on May 21–22 at the Sweden-Finnish Folk High School, from 2 PM to 7 PM Swedish time. If needed, an interpreter will be present.

Attached to this notification letter contains information about the planned wind farm's location, scope and design and the preliminary content and design of the EIA. Future permit applications with associated EIA will be designed based on what emerges during the consultations.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden kindly asks Finland to respond **no later than the 8th of August 2025** at the latest and

1. acknowledge the receipt of the notification,
2. indicate, whether your country intends to participate in the EIA procedure
3. provide comments concerning the scope for the assessment of the environmental impacts of the project on your territory.
4. submit any comments you might receive from the public in your country.

Kindly send the answer to this notification by e-mail to:

registrator@naturvardsverket.se Please indicate Case number NV-25-026651 and “Hirvivaara” in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

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Attachments

Consultation document (Swedish and Finnish)

Cc.

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