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**Notification in accordance with Article 3 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context and Article 7 of the EU Directive 85/337/EEC for a fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt**

As Party of Origin Denmark hereby notifies, according to Article 3 of the Espoo Convention and Article 7 of the EU Directive 85/337/EEC, of the Danish project to construct and operate a fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt between Germany and Denmark crossing the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and the territorial waters of Germany and Denmark.

Germany and Denmark have signed a treaty on a fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt on 3 September 2008. The treaty has been ratified by both countries in 2009. Denmark has transmitted a Circular Note regarding the fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt 14 January 2010 to you.

Denmark has established a company, Femern A/S, fully owned by the Danish Government in charge of the planning and design of the fixed link across Fehmarnbelt.

The Danish Parliament will decide on establishing a state-owned company in charge of the construction, financing and operation of the fixed link, in a future construction act. It is expected that the bill for the construction act will be presented in 2012.

The fixed link across the Fehmarnbelt shall be constructed between Puttgarden in Germany and Rødbyhavn in Denmark. The distance between Puttgarden and Rødbyhavn is 19 km. The fixed link shall be constructed as a combined rail and road link consisting of an electrified, double-track railway and four-lane road with technical quality of a motorway.

Germany and Denmark regard themselves as Parties of Origin under the Espoo Convention as well as effected parties. All other Baltic Sea States, Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia, and Norway as well are regarded as Affected Parties under the Espoo Convention.

The transboundary EIA procedure (environmental impact assessment procedure) will be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Espoo

Convention and as well as with the provisions of the EU Directive 85/337/EEC.

The Espoo Convention states that the concerned Parties shall ensure that the public in the areas likely to be affected is informed of and provided with possibilities for making comments or objections on the proposed activity and shall ensure the transmittal of these comments to the competent authority of the Party of origin (Articles 2.6 and 3.8 of the Espoo Convention).

Referring to Article 3.3 of the Espoo Convention, Denmark kindly asks the addressed Parties to respond by 6 September 2010 at the latest and

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

Subsequent to the notification, Femern A/S, plans to prepare an EIA documentation, which will then - according to the provisions of the Espoo Convention and the EU Directive 85/337/EEC - be sent by Denmark to the Affected Parties, who have indicated their wish to participate in the environmental impact assessment procedures.

Then the Affected Parties will have the opportunity for consultation of authorities and public participation (Article. 4.1 and 4.2 of the Espoo Convention).

The Danish Ministry of Transport is responsible for coordinating the activities related to the EIA.

For your information, a public hearing with the participation of Ministry of Transport, Femern A/S and Ministry of Environment will take place at Hotel Maribo Søpark, Vestergade 29, DK 4930 Maribo, 18 August 2010 at 17.00. The public hearing will be conducted in Danish but will simultaneously be interpreted into English. If you wish so, you are kindly invited to participate. Please let us know if you want to participate.

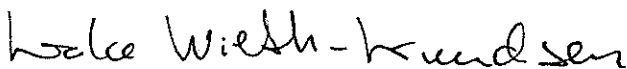
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For additional information please refer to the documents on the enclosed

- EIA Scoping Report – Proposal for environmental investigation program for the fixed link across Fehmarnbelt (cost-cost), June 2010
- Summery of the Scoping Report, June 2010
- CD
- The Treaty between Denmark and Germany signed 3 September 2008
- Circular Note

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