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Sweden's response to the notification of a component master plan for windfarm Honkamaa in Keminmaa municipality, Finland, SYKE/2026/926

Sweden has been notified by the Finnish Environmental Institute in accordance with Article 10 of the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (the SEA protocol) to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessments in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention). The notification concerns the municipal component master plan for the windfarm Honkamaa in Keminmaa approximately 20 km from the Torne River and the Swedish border.

Sweden acknowledges receipt of the notification and hereby confirm that Sweden intends to participate in the continued environmental assessment processes. A brief summary of views and comments is provided below. All enclosed statement should be read in their entirety.

Consultation in Sweden

The consultation documents were circulated for review among Swedish central government agencies, relevant county administrative boards and municipalities, organizations and the general public during the period from 24th of April until 1 June 2026. The documents have also been made available on the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency's (SEPA) website. A public meeting was held on-line in May.

The Swedish EPA is the authority responsible for fulfilling Sweden's obligations following from, inter alia, Article 10 in the protocol (SEA) to the Espoo convention. However, SEPA does not evaluate the consultations received with a view to presenting an overall Swedish position. For a comprehensive view of the comments received during the consultations, we refer to the enclosed statements.

Summary of Comments received

The Swedish Energy Agency and the Sámidiggi refrains from leaving comments. The Swedish National Heritage Board and the Swedish Transport Administration had no comments. The County Administrative Board in Norrbotten states that the project may have an impact on the landscape in Sweden. The statement is summarised below but has to be read in it's entirety.

The County Administrative Board of Norrbotten (CAB) assesses that the planned wind power development enabled by the plan may have a significant environmental impact on the cultural environment on the Swedish side of the border. There is a risk that the planned wind farm may have a significant environmental impact on designated cultural heritage values and the landscape on the Swedish side of the border. In assessing the visual impacts of the project on the landscape and cultural environment, zone-of-visibility analyses and photomontages should be produced, see full statement for more details. Furthermore, the CAB stress the need to assess the cumulative effects including the other projects in the area. If all or several of the proposed wind farms are permitted to be constructed, this will result in significant cumulative impacts on the landscape and designated cultural heritage sites, including on the Swedish side of the river. These cumulative effects need to be presented and assessed in the forthcoming environmental impact assessment. See full statement for more information.

Conclusion and summary

Sweden acknowledges the notification and hereby informs that Sweden will participate in upcoming consultation regarding the draft plan and the environmental assessment. Key issues are the landscape and heritage along

The decision has been made electronically and there is no need for signatures.

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Attachment with comments from the:

County Board of Administration in Norrbotten

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