

The format for notification to an affected Party of a proposed activity under article 3 of the Convention was adopted by the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context by **Decision I/4** at its first meeting held in Oslo from 18 to 20 May 1998.

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I. INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY	
(i) Information on the nature of the proposed activity	
Type of activity proposed	Major installations for the harnessing of wind power for energy production (wind farms)
Is the proposed activity listed in appendix I to the Convention?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Scope of proposed activity (e.g. main activity and any/all peripheral activities requiring assessment)	Wind Farm installation, consisting of thirteen Wind Turbines (W/Ts), road construction for the access to the project installation site and the internal road connection of the W/Ts, electrical interconnection networks.
Scale of proposed activity (e.g. size, production capacity)	The total surface area of the activity is 253742.41 m <sup>2</sup>
Description of proposed activity (e.g. technology used)	<p><u>Main project:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wind Farm installation, consisting of thirteen Vestas V150 Wind Turbines, with a power of 4.5MW each i.e. a total power of 58.5MW.</li> <li>• Configuration of building platforms with a total area of 81364.6 m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Construction of Pillar foundations with a diameter of 21 m and a depth of 3 m.</li> <li>• Construction of an internal medium voltage underground network, earthing and optical fiber control cables, for the transmission of the generated electricity which will end from W/Ts to the wind plant control rooms, with a total length of 9.85 km.</li> <li>• Construction of two control buildings with an area surface of approximately 200 m<sup>2</sup>, within plots with an area surface of 4000 m<sup>2</sup> each.</li> </ul> <p><u>Accompanying Projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road construction for the access to the project installation site and the internal road connection of the W/Ts of WP with a total length of 10895.87 m.</li> <li>• Construction of technical rainwater drainage works.</li> <li>• Construction of underground Medium Voltage interconnection lines, with a total length of 29.88 km.</li> <li>• Configuration of five auxiliary construction sites, with a total surface area of 31367.48 m<sup>2</sup>.</li> </ul>
Description of purpose of proposed activity	The main purpose of the proposed activity is the generation of electricity by exploiting wind energy, which is a renewable and sustainable form of energy.

<p>Rationale for proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic basis, physical geographic basis)</p>	<p>a) The proposed Wind Farm will give the electricity transmission system additional stability, upgrading the quality characteristics of the current and decentralizing the electricity production.</p> <p>b) For each kilowatt-hour produced by the proposed project, the emissions of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) are reduced by approximately 1 kg, protecting the environment, and financially benefiting the state by reducing the sums of money spent on the purchase of emissions rights.</p> <p>c) At the local level, it will boost employment, both during the construction phase and during its operation phase, given that in both phases, local primarily workforce is selected.</p>
<p>Additional information/comments</p>	
<p align="center"><b>(ii) Information on the spatial and temporal boundaries of the proposed activity</b></p>	
<p>Location</p>	<p>Municipality of Filiaton, Thesprotia Prefecture, Epirus Region (see subsection 1.3 in the attachment)</p>
<p>Description of the location (e.g. physical-geographic characteristics, socio-economic characteristics)</p>	<p>The installation site is located in a mountainous area north of the settlement "Plaisio" and south of the settlement "Mavronerion" of Municipality Unit Filiaton of the Municipality of Filiaton of the Regional Unit of Thesprotia.</p> <p><u>The proposed activity falls within:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Special Protection Area (SPA) GR2120009 and name "Mountains of Tsamanda, Filiaton , Farmakovuni and Megali Rachi"</li> <li>• The Important Bird Area (IBA), with code GR073 and name "Mountains Tsamandas, Filiaton , Farmakovuni and Megali Rachi",</li> <li>• The biotope with code AB3090039 and name "Kalamas River".</li> </ul>
<p>Rationale for location of proposed activity (e.g. socio-economic basis, physical-geographic basis)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High wind energy potential of the area.</li> <li>• The locations of the W/Ts are in a suitable position for the connection with the National Electricity Transmission System.</li> <li>• The distances from neighbouring settlements and villages are above the limit that allows them to integrate into the landscape and minimize visual impacts.</li> <li>• Employment boost, both during the construction phase and during its operation phase (local workforce is selected).</li> <li>• Local market is utilized for all kinds of needs (hotels and accommodations, supplies and materials, etc.).</li> <li>• Local community is benefited from the construction of public utility projects as a compensatory measure from the installation and operation of the W/F.</li> </ul>
<p>Time frame for proposed activity (e.g. start and duration of construction and operation)</p>	<p>Once all the required permits have been secured, the duration of construction is approximately 18 months.</p>

Maps and other pictorial documents connected with the information on the proposed activity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Orientation map, scale 1:50000</li> <li>2) Topographic diagram depicting wind turbines, polygons of production license, general plan of proposed and existing roads and proposed interconnection network, scale 1:10000</li> </ol>
Additional information/comments	
<b>(iii) Information on expected environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Scope of assessment (e.g. consideration of: cumulative impacts, evaluation of alternatives, sustainable development issues, impact of peripheral activities)</p>	<p><u>Factors and characteristics of the environment being assessed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climatic and bioclimatic characteristics</li> <li>• Morphological and topological features</li> <li>• Geological, tectonic and soil features</li> <li>• Natural environment: Flora, Fauna and Avifauna, Forests and woodlands, Protected areas of the National System and other protected areas.</li> <li>• Factors and Characteristics of the Environment</li> <li>• Anthropogenic environment: Land uses and spatial planning, Structure and Functions</li> <li>• Anthropogenic pressures on the environment</li> <li>• Cultural heritage</li> <li>• Socioeconomic environment</li> <li>• Technical Infrastructures</li> <li>• Air Quality</li> <li>• Noise – vibrations</li> <li>• Electromagnetic fields</li> <li>• Waters</li> <li>• Vulnerability to accidents</li> <li>• Cumulative impacts</li> <li>• Main and alternative solutions</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Expected environmental impacts of proposed activity (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited removal of vegetation from the construction surfaces</li> <li>• Limited, and in intervention areas only, smooth alteration of the terrain in the projects' locations</li> <li>• Temporary and fully reversible disturbance of the living fauna and avifauna in the development areas of the project</li> <li>• Temporary impacts on air quality from the emitted dust, and possibly from the vehicles passing through the construction sections along existing and new roads</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Inputs (e.g. raw material, power sources)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The basic construction materials include concrete, steel, structural mesh, sand, gravel, bricks, tiles, lime, marble dust, insulation materials, paints, etc. and will be transported to the project by road from local suppliers.</li> <li>• Fuel used by various machines and vehicles during the construction of the project.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Outputs (e.g. amounts and types of: emissions into the atmosphere, discharges into the water system, solid waste)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air pollutants: a) Mainly the emitted dust, which will arise as a result of the construction works, b) To a lesser extent, the air pollutants emitted by the fuel of various machines and vehicles that will be used during the construction of the project.</li> <li>• There will be no discharges into the water system.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid waste during construction phase: Excess excavation materials (about 46000m<sup>3</sup>) (will be used, mainly, for restoration of the forest road network).</li> <li>• Solid waste during operation phase: Waste resulting from basic maintenance of mechanical parts (e.g. empty packaging like metal barrels and plastic containers, empty packages of lubricating greases based on mineral oils and special additives, scrap mechanical, electrical and electronic equipment etc.)</li> </ul>
<p>Transboundary impacts (e.g. types, locations, magnitudes)</p>	<p>The buffer zone of the Study Area (for the scope of EIA) falls almost entirely within the boundaries of the Greek National Area, except from a small part which falls within the boundaries of neighboring Albania and more specifically within the administrative boundaries of the Municipality of Konispoli of the Prefecture of Avlona. All of Albania's protected areas are located at long distances, both from the study area and from the location of the Wind Farm under evaluation. No significant transboundary impacts are expected.</p>
<p>Proposed mitigation measures (e.g. if known, mitigation measures to prevent, eliminate, minimize, compensate for environmental effects)</p>	<p><u>Some of the proposed mitigation measures are:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate design of the road construction, taking into account the local peculiarities of the relief, the existing vegetation as well as the avoidance of a large volume of excess excavation materials with the maximum possible levelling of embankments and trenches.</li> <li>• Planting of the road construction slopes with appropriate plant species of the area and in the appropriate manner.</li> <li>• Collection, removal and appropriate disposal of all types of waste that will result from the construction work, after separating the recyclables, with their subsequent disposal in recycling centres.</li> <li>• Operation of construction sites and movement of transport vehicles in compliance with common quiet hours to minimize acoustic disturbances in the nearest settlements.</li> <li>• Provision for the appropriate sorting, temporary and final disposal of excavation products resulting from earthworks in accordance with the provisions of current legislation.</li> <li>• Emphasis will be placed on restoring the site to its original natural state, in order to reduce to the minimum possible any disturbance of the landscape and the in-site topography.</li> <li>• For surface and underground waters, there will be special prevention to prevent their contamination by any kind of liquids (oils, lubricants etc.). The uncontrolled discharge of liquids on the ground will be strictly prohibited. The management of the used mineral oils will be done according to the current regulations.</li> <li>• During the construction of the project, the smooth traffic of vehicles to and from the residential areas will be ensured.</li> <li>• There will be planting of all surfaces that are suitable for bearing vegetation. Planting</li> </ul>

	operations will begin after the formation of the final surfaces.
Additional information/comments	
<b>(iv) Proponent/developer</b>	
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<b>(v) EIA documentation</b>	
Is the EIA documentation (e.g. EIA report or EIS) included in the notification?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If the answer to the above is no or partially, description of additional documentation to be forwarded and (approximate) date(s) when documentation will be available	Attached to this notification document is a synopsis of the environmental impact assessment study for the project, including maps and diagrams depicting the location of the proposed activity.
Additional information/comments	
<b>2. POINTS OF CONTACT</b>	
<b>(i) Points of contact for the possible affected Party or Parties</b>	
Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the EIA (refer to decision I/3, appendix) - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	Ministry of Tourism and Environment Boulevard "Deshmoret e Kombit", No. 1 1001 TIRANA E-mail : <a href="mailto:info@turizmi.gov.al">info@turizmi.gov.al</a>
List of affected Parties to which notification is being sent	Republic of Albania
<b>(ii) Points of contact for the Party of origin</b>	
Authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the EIA (refer to decision I/3, appendix) - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	Directorate of Environmental Licensing Ministry of Environment and Energy 11, Alexandras Av., 11473 ATHENS, Greece Tel. : +30 210 6417951 E-mail : <a href="mailto:sec.dipa@prv.ypeka.gr">sec.dipa@prv.ypeka.gr</a>

Decision-making authority if different than authority responsible for coordinating activities relating to the EIA - Name, address, telephone and fax numbers	
<b>3. INFORMATION ON THE EIA PROCESS IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITY IS LOCATED</b>	
<b>(i) Information on the EIA process that will be applied to the proposed activity</b>	
Time schedule	Public consultation on the EIA report of the project will be conducted for 30 business days
Opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to be involved in the EIA process	The affected Party has the opportunity to be involved in the EIA process by expressing its relevant interest in response to this notification.
Opportunities for the affected Party or Parties to review and comment on the notification and the EIA documentation	The affected Party has the opportunity to submit its opinion, along with the opinions of its public, during the consultation phase of the EIA process.
Nature and timing of the possible decision	EIA process will conclude to either a negative decision or an approval of the project under specific environmental terms.
Process for approval of the proposed activity	The decision is of administrative nature and is made taking into account all views and opinions.
Additional information/comments	
<b>4. INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</b>	
Public participation procedures	The Public participates in the EIA process by accessing the EIA report via the internet ( <a href="https://eprm.vpen.gr">https://eprm.vpen.gr</a> ) and submitting its opinions.
Expected start and duration of public consultation	30 days after the reception of this notification
Additional information/comments	
<b>5. DEADLINE FOR RESPONSE</b>	
Date	20 days after the reception of this notification