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REGARDING INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE NEW NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN LITHUANIA

Thank You for your request regarding environmental impact assessment for the new nuclear power plant in Lithuania.

We would like to inform that that the net electrical output of the new nuclear power plant would not exceed 3400 MW and thermal power would be in range of 8700 MW. Two alternative locations for the new plant (both in the territory of the existing Ignalina nuclear power plant) and zero option will be analysed during the environmental impact assessment (EIA). The possible technological alternatives (types of reactors) and cooling alternatives will be also assessed.

The national EIA procedure is performed in two subsequent stages. During the scoping stage, the EIA program is prepared and presented to the relevant parties of EIA (the state authorities responsible for healthcare, fire prevention, protection of cultural heritage, regional and local authorities, and others depending on the type of the planned activity) and public for a review and consultation. For nuclear activities, the additional authorities are: the State Nuclear Power Safety Inspectorate and Radiation Protection Centre.

During the second stage, the EIA report is prepared based on the approved EIA program and with due respect to the opinions and statements made by the public, the relevant parties of EIA and the affected parties (when transboundary EIA is applicable). The EIA report will be reviewed by the relevant parties of EIA, the public and the affected parties before the adoption of substantiated decision on the permissibility of the proposed economic activity in the selected location by the Competent authority.

On 15th of November, 2007 Ministry of Environment of Lithuania (Competent authority) approved EIA program with requirement that received comments from the affected parties will be taken into account during the preparation of EIA report.

Please advise us about your willingness to participate in th EIA procedure and provide your comments (if any) by the 15th of January 2008. Address your response to Mr. Vitalijus Auglys.

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Please find enclosed. Final version of EIA program of the New Nuclear Power Plant Construction in English.

Yours faithfully,

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