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Dear Mr. Horvath,

Thank you for the possibility given to us to share some information regarding SSVAB's (a joint venture company where Statkraft has 60% ownership) wind farm projects in the counties of Jämtland and Västernorrland in Sweden.

Extensive information on the projects was provided to stakeholders and consultations took place since 2007. Necessary Environmental Impact Assessments and Social Impact Assessments were undertaken. Impacts have been assessed, avoided, and where avoidance was not possible, minimised and mitigated and compensation measures have been and are being established. It is our belief that the projects are sustainable and adequately take into account environmental, social and human rights issues. Moreover and as recognised by all national judicial instances that reviewed the matter, the projects have complied with all applicable laws and procedures.

Based on the above, necessary permits were granted by the Environmental Court of Appeal. It should be noted that adequate engagement with stakeholders is a requirement under Swedish legislation and a pre-requisite for obtaining all necessary permits.

We are committed to comply with the mitigation measures listed by the Environmental Court of Appeal and we are actively engaging in discussions on how to implement these measures both with the Jijnjevaerie Saami Village and relevant Swedish authorities. The mitigation measures in place for 2012-2013 have been recognized by relevant Swedish authorities as being compliant, and to some extent, as going beyond what had been required from the projects.

Recognizing the existing dialog between the parties, the Norwegian and Swedish OECD National Contact Points, in their Initial Assessment of the case dated 12.02.2013, "(...) *decided to defer the case to allow the parties to find a mutually acceptable solution to this situation without the NCPs' assistance. The case is put on hold until either of the parties requests the NCPs to open the case.*"

Statkraft is committed to continue to engage in constructive dialogue with the Jijnjevaerie Saami Village and relevant Swedish authorities.

Yours sincerely,
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