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Reg. no. 4145/5521/2006]

To the Ministry of the Environment

With reference to your request of 13 November 2007 for a statement, reg. no. YM5/5521/2006

Re: Statement on the EIA interim report concerning the contemplated offshore natural gas pipeline from Russia to Germany

The Finnish Association for Nature Conservation wishes to thank the Ministry for the request for a statement and submits the following:

Comparison of options

With regard to the international EIA, the problem is that no progress has been made in the analysis of the 0+ land-based option.

In the view of the Association, it would be essential for the Finnish EIA and licensing process that the route south of Gogland is explored to the same degree of accuracy as the northern route. Further arguments are required in support of the completion of such an analysis to refute the reasons given for by-passing it. For example, the ore field probably extends to the north of Gogland.

Project as a whole

With regard to the project as a whole, the parties still do not realise the extent of above-ground facilities required for the duration of the construction work (pipe storage areas, coating plants, etc.). No specific plans have been presented where exactly these facilities would be located, which is a major drawback.

In conclusion

We refer to our previous statement on this matter.

<http://www.sll.fi/tiedotus/lausunnot/liitto/lausunnot2007/merikaasuputkiohjelma>

On behalf of the Finnish Association for Nature Conservation

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