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Ihr Ansprechpartner im UVP-Zentrum:

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Subject: Revision of the European Environmental Impact Assessment Directive

Dear Mr. Matthias Groote,

the UVP-Gesellschaft e.V. is a NGO and associates the full range of German speaking experts, consultants, and environmentalists focusing on Environmental and Strategic Impact Assessment. Our Association comprises hundreds of members from Austria, Germany and Switzerland and is affiliated with the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA).

Together with the German Bundesverband Beruflicher Naturschutz e.V. (Federation of German Professional Conservationists e.V.), additionally representing most of all the German Professional Nature Conservationists, we would like to take part in the consultation process for the EIA Directive Revision as follows:

We have very critical concerns about the position of some memberstates trying to rule out and exclude new fracking technology from EIA obligations. We believe exact due to the broad uncertainties about all the environmental impacts of fracking technology on groundwater quality, soil quality and even more natural assets it should be absolute obligate to go through EIA procedures with these new technologies in the future. EIA and SEA are the only tools made for investigating, assessing and being able to solve environmental uncertainties during permission and planning procedures, thus, from our point of view, it should be obvious having a comprehensive EIA/SEA scope also for fracking technology.

We also strongly recommend to improve public participation in the EIA process instead of reducing participation obligations because our Associations see the great advantages in achieving acceptance of project development only in letting local stakeholders taking part in the planning and permitting processes European wide.

Having our member's long lasting and comprehensive technical and practical experience in EIA and SEA, and therefore being able to report direct concerns from the implementation level, we would like to kindly ask you to consider these concerns during the ongoing revision process.

With best regards

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wende

Chairman of UVP-Gesellschaft e.V. and also on behalf of Bundesverband Beruflicher Naturschutz e.V.