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## THE AZOV WINDFARM, A PROJECT BY EL5-ENERGO, IS GRANTED THE STATUS OF A CLIMATE PROJECT

**Moscow, March 27, 2024** – EL5-Energo PJSC received a positive conclusion on compliance of the Azov windfarm with the climate project criteria approved in Decree 248 as of May 11, 2022 by the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation. Compliance with the criteria was confirmed by the greenhouse gas validation and verification body of Innopolis University accredited in the national accreditation system.

The climate project documentation under the Federal Law "On limiting greenhouse gas emissions" and the documents of the national standardization system in relation to limiting greenhouse gas emissions was elaborated by EL5-Energo employees. When generating green energy at the Azov windfarm, the designed average annual reduction of CO2 emissions into the atmosphere of about 92 thousand tons within 10 years is declared as a climate project.

The qualification of the Azov windfarm as a climate project makes it possible to register it in the Russian register of carbon units in the nearest future. This will allow the company to participate in the circulation of carbon units arranged in Russia to establish favourable economic conditions for the use of the results of climate projects and incentivize their implementation.

The facility of EL5-Energo PJSC, the Azov windfarm, having the capacity of 90 MW, located in Rostov region, was successfully put into commercial operation in May 2021.

### *About the Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification Body*

*The Greenhouse Gas Validation and Verification Body of Innopolis University is one of the first accredited in the country to assess the climate projects of enterprises and to confirm the carbon footprint reduction. Innopolis University is focused on education, research and development in information technology and robotics. This Russian IT university is attended by 1,239 students from 35 countries and its research and teaching staff includes 152 experts from 15 countries who possess work experience in leading foreign universities and companies in the global IT industry.*

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