

Seminar
Cooperation on the EIA
Convention in the Baltic Sea
subregion 20-21 October
2005

Tornio steel works and
fairway

Inger Alness Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

Espoo application steel works

- First contact: April 2004
- Notification by e-mail: 27 May 2004
- Notification and documents: 1 June 2004
- Documents sent for comments: 2 June 2004
- Pressrelease: 4 June 2004
- Comments to Finland: 21 July 2004
- EIA for comment: 18 February 2005, lack of translation
- Documents sent for comments: 15 March
- Additional translation from Finland, sent for comments 22 April
- Comments to Finland: 31 May

Espoo application fairway

- First contact: February 2004
- Information exchange
- Formel request from Sweden on EIA: June 2004
- Notification and documents: 10 October 2004
- Advertisement in newspapers in Norrbotten: 7 October 2004
- Pressrelease: 8 October 2004
- Documents sent for comments: 12 October 2004
- Comments to Finland: 9 November 2004
- EIA for comment: 11 February 2005
- Documents sent for comments: 18 February 2005
- Comments to Finland: 34 March 2005

Observations and Conclusions

- Exchange of information on all stages is essential
- Informal contacts facilitates the keeping of timetable
- Important with enough translation in time

Permitting processes

- Fairway needs permit under the Finnish – Swedish Border River Commission and Northern Finland Environmental Permit Authority
- Sweden is a part of the Border River Commission and can according to the Nordic Environmental Convention take part in the permitting process under the Finland Environmental Permit Authority