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HOOPP’s Javelin Park investment in Elmpt,

Court decision of the 26th of March, 2026

Dear Members of the Board,

Further to our letter of 3 March 2026 regarding HOOPP’s involvement in Verdion’s “Javelin Park” project in the Lower Rhine region, we wish to inform you that the Higher Administrative Court of North Rhine-Westphalia (OVG NRW) has issued a new decision on 26 March 2026 in the ongoing proceedings concerning the real estate and wind turbine project in Elmpt. The legal proceedings are continuing in full, and there is no end to the legal uncertainty surrounding this project.

It is important to underline that Green Borderland, i.e. Groen Grensland – Grünes Grenzland e.V. (Gr.Gr.), is not only a member of the LNU – State Association for Nature Conservation and the Environment in North Rhine-Westphalia – and by that closely involved in the strategy and substance of these court cases. On county level Gr.Gr. and the LNU share part of their personnel. The LNU is the formal plaintiff in the judicial review procedure concerning the development plan Elm-131 “Javelin Park Ost”, in which the OVG on 28 April 2025 provisionally suspended the development plan because of possible violations of European nature and bird protection law. But the LNU’s and Gr.Gr. statutory objectives are fully aligned: the protection of nature, environment and landscape in this cross-border region. Against this background, we consider HOOPP’s earlier statement made by Mr Scott White on 24 March 2026 that HOOPP “has nothing to do with Green Borderland” because we are not the formal party to the court proceedings – neither accurate nor appropriate. In substance, our role

Verdion's Javelin Park project as a local, affected, LNU-member association is identical in purpose to that of the formal plaintiff, and dismissing our concerns for purely formal reasons is difficult to reconcile with HOOPP's own stated ESG ambitions.

We also have to express our serious concern about HOOPP's purely passive attitude so far, namely the position that HOOPP will simply wait and see what the court decides. Such a stance is plainly insufficient for an investor that publicly claims to integrate ESG risks and impacts into its decision-making. Merely waiting for a final court ruling does not address any of the substantive issues we raised in our detailed letter of 3 March 2026, nor does it demonstrate that HOOPP is actively managing the environmental, legal and reputational risks linked to Verdion's project.

It is, in our view, highly problematic that HOOPP has so far neither engaged with the substance of our concerns nor been willing to enter into a direct dialogue with us. For an investor with a public ESG profile, the refusal to respond substantively to a well-documented letter from directly affected nature and environmental organisations, and the reluctance to even agree to a conversation, is itself a matter of serious concern. If this situation persists, we will have to consider further steps, including informing regulators, media, cooperation partners and other stakeholders about HOOPP's handling of this case.

At the same time, we are convinced that it is in everyone's best interest – that of our local nature, that of the communities on both sides of the border, and that of HOOPP as a long-term pension investor – to talk one with the other rather than about one another. We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Andreas Fink for Groen Grensland – Grünes Grenzland e.V