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**Subject:** Petition opposing OPSB case 16-1871-EL-BGN, Icebreaker Wind Facility

Dear Chairman Randazzo, Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Butler, Ms. Pelanda, Ms. Mihalik, Ms. Stevenson, Dr. Acton, Ms. Mertz, Mr. Murphy and Governor DeWine,

The Icebreaker project poses a threat of environmental disaster to Lake Erie. In addition to the well documented harm to birds, fish and our economy, Fred Olsen Cos, who controls LEEDCo has severe financial problems and recently revealed technical design problems with their mono bucket foundations which has resulted in a recently cancelled project. This is the same mono bucket technology that Icebreaker has proposed in their application.

See:

TORONTO, March 17, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Northland Power Inc. ("Northland") (TSX: NPI) today is providing an update regarding the installation of the two turbines utilizing mono bucket foundations ("Demonstrator Project") at its Deutsche Bucht offshore wind project. As announced on February 25, 2020, the installation of the Demonstrator Project was paused in the fourth quarter of 2019 following the identification of technical issues....Northland has elected to permanently forego the installation of the Demonstrator Project.

Icebreaker through LEEDCo is controlled by Fred Olsen Renewables. There is a signed purchase and sale agreement with LEEDCo as seller and Fred Olsen as Buyer. The deal has effectively closed. Fred Olsen is funding LEEDCO thereby assuming all their economic interest in Icebreaker. If Icebreaker ever gets built, the purchase and sale will be complete. However, Fred Olsen is utilizing the shell non-profit company status of LEEDCo to shield them from liability and avoid having to revise their applications listing them as the owner. Does the OPSB want to become party to and allow this shell game to continue? Isn't it the OPSB's fiduciary duty to ensure this project has financial backing to handle issues that always come up. If this arrangement isn't so dubious why is it such a big secret? We've heard the Performance Bond explanation. However, Performance Bond payoffs are fought all

the time. There is an entire legal practice around fighting Performance Bond payoffs. We don't believe the OPSB should expose Ohio's most significant and internationally recognized natural resource to all these risks.

Additionally Fred Olsen cos is facing mounting financial distress. Their Energy subsidiary filed for bankruptcy and their Cruise ship line is facing massive Coronavirus liability.

See also:

June 26, 2019 OSLO (Reuters) - Norwegian oil and gas rig operator Dolphin Drilling filed for bankruptcy on Wednesday, leading creditors to seize its key assets.

Formerly known as Fred. Olsen Energy, Dolphin Drilling ASA had debt of just over \$1 billion at the end of 2018 and a net loss for the year of almost \$300 million, its annual report shows.

Once a dominant supplier of drilling rigs to oil and gas firms exploring the North Sea, Dolphin was hit hard by a collapse in oil prices from 2014 to 2016 as well as competition from newcomers that drove down rig rates.

See also:

March 18, 2020 (CNN) — A British-operated cruise ship left stranded in the Caribbean when people aboard became sick with coronavirus has finally docked in Cuba after a fraught search for a port that would accept it.

The MS Braemar arrived in Mariel, west of Havana, early on Wednesday, with passengers expected to be transferred to airplanes for transport home to the UK on the same day.

Fred Olsen Cruise Lines, which operates the vessel, confirmed four aircraft had landed in Cuba ready for the rescue operation. The first flight was set to depart at 6 p.m. local time.

The news follows a frantic few days in which the MS Braemar searched for a place to dock, following refusals from several ports in the Caribbean.

On April 15, 2020 In Insurance Marine News, Keep, Marine Liability, Retail

Eight crew members of Fred Olsen Lines cruise ship Black Watch (IMO 7108930), which has been moored in the Firth of Forth, have tested positive for coronavirus. The ship has no guests on board and had been operating with reduced crew levels. She was one of four cruise ships, the others being Balmoral, Boudicca, and Braemar, that had been anchored near Rosyth after the firm suspended cruise operations in the middle of last month.

It has become evident that the future viability of Fred Olsen Cos is in serious jeopardy. Additionally the technical design of their proposed Icebreaker giant turbines has resulted in another turbine developer abandoning the technology altogether. Add this to the numerous detrimental environmental and economic effects this Icebreaker development will have on Lake Erie and Ohio's economy and you have, what should be, an easy decision. We beg you to decline to issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to this Icebreaker project.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to Ohio.

David Strang

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