

EFTA COURT

Request for an Advisory Opinion from the EFTA Court by Reykjavik District Court dated 15 April 2025 in the case of Ólafur Þór Jónsson and others v The National Energy Authority of Iceland and Benchmark Genetics Iceland hf.

(Case E-7/25)

A request has been made to the EFTA Court dated 15 April 2025 from Reykjavik District Court (*Héraðsdómur Reykjavíkur*), which was received at the Court Registry on 5 May 2025, for an Advisory Opinion in the case of Ólafur Þór Jónsson and others v The National Energy Authority of Iceland and Benchmark Genetics hf., on the following question:

Whether the provisions of Directive 2000/60/EC, in particular the provisions of that Directive's Article 4, must be interpreted as precluding the granting of authorisation for a project which may potentially affect the status of a groundwater body for which classification and status assessment in the river basin management plan are required under that directive, prior to such assessment having been conducted and its results set forth in a river basin management plan in accordance with that directive's provisions. That the provision bars the authorisation of a project, irrespective of whether a status assessment has been conducted, if the assessment results have not been set forth in the river basin management plan.