

Public Summary – Board Meeting 35 Stichting DBC

Board Meeting 35 was held on August 24, 2021 as an online meeting. Representatives of RWE, PPR and Uniper participated. Also, a representative of Dentons was present as observer. Vattenfall was absent with notice. All participants to the meeting confirmed that they had read and understood the Anti-Trust Compliance Policy Statement.

Stichting DBC (or DBC Foundation; hereafter referred to as DBC) was established under the Covenant 'Duurzaamheid Biomassa' (Biomass Sustainability) of the Dutch Energy Agreement. The objective of DBC is to promote and accomplish certification of small forest owners (defined as smaller than 500 ha) in North-America to support the agreed growth path in the Covenant for reaching 100% FSC- or equivalent certification of woody biomass.

From its discussions on the current program of work, the Board reconfirms that the activities employed by DBC aim at serving its purpose to promote certification of family forest owners. The starting point for this work lies within the agreed sustainability framework under the Covenant. This includes the growth path and the use of a risk-based approach (RBA). The results of the Stimulation Program also demonstrate the need for a long-term commitment to be successful. As such, the agreed sustainability framework should provide a durable and trusted reference. The communication activities by DBC thus focus on introducing, discussing and explaining the sustainability framework to third parties involved in its governance and implementation.

The third party observer concluded that during the meeting all board members were equally involved in the discussions and decision-making and confirmed that none of the discussions, decisions or actions during the DBC board meeting of 24 August 2021 were in deviation from the anti-trust compliance policy statement.

The next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on September 23, 2021.
