

Public Summary – Board Meeting 38 Stichting DBC

Board Meeting 38 was held on December 07, 2021 as an online meeting. Representatives of RWE, PPR, Uniper and Vattenfall participated. Also, a representative of Dentons was present as observer. 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.

The Board took note of the outcomes of a meeting between representatives of the Covenant signatories following publication of the SOMO report and Indufor peer review. DBC is not subject of the discussions. However, it still directly affects DBC since the SOMO report does challenge the sustainability framework that serves as the starting point for the work done by DBC under the Stimulation Program to promote certification of family forest owners.

The Board adopted the 2022 budget and biomass tonnage contribution.

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 07 DEcember 2021 were in deviation from the anti-trust compliance policy statement.

The next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on January 13, 2022.
