

Public Summary – Board Meeting 31 Stichting DBC

Board Meeting 31 was held on January 12, 2021 as an online meeting. Representatives of RWE, Vattenfall, PPR and Uniper 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 discussed the Stimulation Program results and observed that it is on target for 2020, both for the expanding of certified acreage of family forest owners, as well as for the development of the RBA (Risk Based Approach). This achievement is applaudable given the significant challenges faced due to the covid-19 pandemic. In a biannual call with AFF scheduled early 2021 the specifics of the 2021 program of work will be discussed.

DBC Board adopted the program audit report and was pleased with the positive outcome. It decided to continue these audits on an annual basis. The Board also agreed on the agenda for a Spring Webinar program scheduled for the second half of March.

The Board adopted the 2021 budget for DBC. Also, it approved the proposal submitted by CE Delft as Rapporteur under the Covenant for 2020.

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 12 January 2021 were in deviation from the anti-trust compliance policy statement.

The next Board meeting will take place on March 16, 2021.
