

Public Summary – Board Meeting 26 Stichting DBC

Board Meeting 26 was held on April 14, 2020 as an online meeting. Representatives of RWE, Vattenfall, PPR and Uniper participated. Also, a representative of PPR and Dentons were present as observers. 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.

DBC Board discussed the 2020-Q1 status report on execution of the AFF project under the Stimulation Program: expanding small forest owner (SFO) certification and developing framework for Risk Based Approach (RBA). The certification work is likely to be impacted by the stay-at-home and other measures to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, the initial results reconfirmed that the presence of a Landscape Management Plan serves as a key facilitator for certification. The COVID-19 pandemic currently also prevents the planning of a next DBC field trip. For RBA, foundational supportive elements are being developed, including stakeholder mapping and procedures, documentation, data, and analytical systems.

DBC had submitted its annual report in time to the Rapporteur. The Rapporteur communicated it had no questions on the report for now. DBC awaits further response. The Board took note of the 2020-Q1 expenses overview and had no further remarks.

The third party observer concluded that 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 14 April 2020 were in deviation from the anti-trust compliance policy statement.

The next Board meeting will take place on May 28, 2020.
