

Public Summary – Board Meeting 14 Stichting DBC

Board Meeting 14 was held on January 22, 2018 with representatives of Engie, RWE, Nuon/Vattenfall and Uniper participating. A representative of CKade participated as the secretariat to the meeting. 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 paths in the Covenant for reaching 100% FSC- or equivalent certification of woody biomass.

DBC was reconfirmed about the current restraint with the NGOs to participate as long as the discussions in the dispute committee are ongoing. NGOs and E-companies are seeking consensus on a joint paper describing a solution to the saw dust dispute. This includes the participation of the NGOs in DBC.

The Board confirms its previous conclusion that the midterm evaluation will take place following the annual reporting over the year 2018 that is published by the Rapporteur in 2019-Q1.

DBC reviewed project proposals it had received following a call for proposals for execution under the Stimulation Program. A principal concern is that it is not yet clear how certification schemes will be assessed by the ADBE commission for recognition by the Dutch government (and are thus eligible for use under the SDE+). The Board wishes to engage with a proposal that promotes certification against a scheme that is recognized by the Dutch government. As a result, the Board decides to await the initial reportings by the ADBE commission.

The Board discussed and adopted the 2018 Program of Activities. It includes the participation of certification programs in DBC and collaboration with pellet mills contracted by E-companies, as stated in the Covenant provisions.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2018.
