

## Public Summary – Board Meeting 19 Stichting DBC

Board Meeting 19 was held on January 29, 2019 with representatives of RWE, 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 path in the Covenant for reaching 100% FSC- or equivalent certification of woody biomass.

The Board approved the final report of the American Forest Foundation (AFF) project carried out in 2018 on outreach to small forest owners (SFOs), the development of tools and materials to promote certification and the actual certification of SFOs. The Board also approved a follow-up project to replicate these activities in additional States in the US Southeast. The Board decided on extension of the Group Management certification project by Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) with a period of three months.

To assess the implications of the certification scheme approvals by the Dutch government for implementation of the Stimulation Program, DBC had commissioned Armstrong & Associates to analyze the use of these schemes for showing compliance with the SDE+ sustainability criteria. The Board approved the project report. This report and the AFF project report are both published on the DBC website.

The extra-legal criteria are still under discussion, and DBC may take up additional activities to contribute to these discussions when necessary or desirable.

The next Board meeting will take place on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

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