

Public Summary – Board Meeting 30 Stichting DBC

Board Meeting 30 was held on November 26, 2020 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 2021 activities. Main emphasis will remain on the current AFF project. In January 2021 a meeting is scheduled to review the 2020 results and to decide on possible adjustments in the program of work, taking also due account of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Also, DBC will organize a Spring Webinar and a Fall Workshop/Webinar for US and Canada stakeholders.

Concerning the implementation of the Biomass Covenant the Board members confirmed their commitment to the Covenant arrangements. As part of it, the Board decided it will approach CE Delft to take up the Rapporteur role for 2020 and to inform the NGOs. The Board decided to maintain the biomass tonnage contribution for 2021.

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 26 November 2020 were in deviation from the anti-trust compliance policy statement

The next Board meeting will take place on January 12, 2021.
