

Dear reader,

This is to update you on progress of the rollout of new offshore wind farms in the Netherlands.

- First tender: Borssele Wind Farm Sites (BWFS) I and II

Application forms for the grant and permit tender will be published shortly after the publication of the final Wind Farm Site Decisions for the BWFSs I and II. This is now expected mid-January 2016*.

We are still on track to close the SDE+ grant and permit request for tender as planned on 31st March 2016. For your convenience we published [draft application forms and annexes](#):

- draft application forms BWFS I: English – Nederlands
- draft application forms BWFS II and combined (gebundelde aanvraag): Nederlands
- draft exploitation calculation model single site application: Nederlands
- Coordinates of the Belgium wind farms (wakes to be included in the yield calculation): English

[An information session](#) to explain the tender procedure, draft application forms and exploitation model will take place on 10th December 2015. **This meeting will be held in Dutch only.** You can register for this meeting until December 6th 2015 by email: woz@rvo.nl. All questions relating to the SDE+ subsidy and permit procedure sent before December 6th to woz@rvo.nl will be answered during this information session.

*The Ministry of Economic Affairs will publish the final Wind Farm Site Decisions after adoption of the Electricity and Gas Bill. The Bill has already been approved by the House of Commons and is now awaiting discussion and adoption by the Senate. This is scheduled for December 21st 2015.

The final Wind Farm Site Decisions will include the following adaptations (with reference to the draft Wind Farm Site Decisions):

- The lay out of the sites have been slightly changed, new GIS data is now available at offshorewind.rvo.nl, a memo with detailed information and coordinates will be published shortly.
- The following requirements have been changed or added along with the changes presented during the [workshop held on October 14th, 2015](#):
 - The requirement for a minimum total rotor surface and per wind turbine has been replaced by a requirement that the wind turbines must have a capacity of at least 4 MW.
 - The winner of the tender must produce a plan for contribution to the local economy.
 - The winner of the tender must investigate the presence of archaeological monuments at routes for infield cables and wind turbine locations prior to construction.

Please note: the draft Wind Farm Site Decisions for BWFS Sites III and IV, which are expected to be published for consultation in December 2015, are identical to the final Wind Farm Site Decisions for the BWFS Sites I and II, apart from the minimum wind turbine capacity and total capacity.

- Second tender: BWFS Sites III and IV

Survey work has been completed. The geophysical deliverables, including a HDD (hard disk drive) with raw data, are available and the geotechnical investigation is almost completed. Publication of the geotechnical reports is planned for January 2016 while the reports of the advanced lab testing will be published in February 2016. This completes the set site data for BWFS Sites III and IV. A webinar about the geophysical and geotechnical investigations is scheduled for Q1 2016.

The timetable for the SDE+ grant and permit Request for Tenders for BWFZ Sites III and IV is:

- Draft Wind Farm Site Decisions publication (for consultation): expected December 2015.
These will include the following requirements (differing from BWFZ Sites I and II):
 - Wind Farm Site III will have a maximum capacity of 330 MW (plus max. 30 MW extra)
 - Minimum size of wind turbines will be 6 MW
- Project and Site Description version 1: February 2016
- Tender closing: October 2016
- Third and fourth tender: Hollandse Kust (Zuid)
A preliminary layout of the Wind farm Zone is now available at offshorewind.rvo.nl. Also the first site data studies have been started (Scopes of Work will be made available on the [website](#)):
 - Geological desk study (Deltares)
 - UXO risk assessment (REASeuro)
 - Archaeological assessment (PeriPlus)RVO.nl is now preparing the geophysical survey; the Scope of Work will be published shortly.
- General:
 - **Electrical infrastructure**
TenneT has published the [final draft model agreements](#), general terms, conditions and annexes. TenneT has reviewed feedback and revised the agreements, and the Dutch translations thereof.
Now the publication of the application forms for the grant and permit tender are expected mid-January 2016, TenneT is allowing stakeholders and other interested parties to provide comments on the published final drafts via its website until 10th December 2015.
TenneT will publish the final model agreements prior to opening the grant and permit tender.
 - **Shipping lanes**
The shipping routes around the BWFZ will be adjusted. A proposal by the Netherlands and Belgium governments will be submitted for approval to the International Maritime Organisation. New shipping routes will be introduced for so called bound traffic around the wind farm zones where distances laid down in the National Waterplan are applied. In this way, shipping safety around the wind farms is enhanced.
 - **Negative electricity prices**
Download '[Kamerbrief Maatregelen negatieve prijsvorming](#)' (30-11-2015)
(Influence of negative electricity prices on grant, in Dutch)

Best regards,

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