

Questions asked during Webinar 'Offshore Wind Energy in the Netherlands'

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- Question: Will more information on the nitrogen regulation be included in the information provided afterwards? For example: will the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality provide a scenario that shows that there will be no nitrogen blockers for delays?
 Answer: As soon as more information is available we will publish this as part of the draft Wind Farm Site Decision Hollandse Kust (west), now foreseen for Q1 2021
- Question: How can you limit nitrogen during the construction of offshore wind farms? Answer: There are several methods, which will be specified as part of the draft Wind Farm Site Decision Hollandse Kust (west).
- Question: What is the timing for the platforms alpha & beta?
 Answer: Q1 2024 for alpha and Q1 2026 for beta, see the Project and Site Description, page 14.
- Question: Does this mean developers will have to pay for upgrades to the grid if they want to extend the life of their wind farms as they are not covered by compensation scheme?
 Answer: No. It means that a possible extension of the permit duration for the offshore wind farm will depend on the possibilities to extend the life-time of the corresponding grid connection in a cost-effective manner.
- 5) Question: Can TenneT explain what they mean with new way of tender to reduce materials? Answer: TenneT asks its suppliers to provide insights into the raw materials they use with a so-called 'raw material passport'. This makes TenneT more aware of the recycle rate of materials and opportunities for improvements, and it challenges the market to increase the amount of recycled materials.
- 6) Question: How will the nitrogen regulations be incorporated in the Tennet export cable tenders and will they be part of the upcoming HKWb tender?
 Answer: The permitting procedures are currently in preparation and the impact of nitrogen regulations is being investigated. This may lead to additional requirements for suppliers which TenneT will then have to include in upcoming tenders.

7) **Question:** Concerning the permit tender for Hollandse Kust (west):

- a. What will be the ranking method (auction, comparative assessment)?
- b. Will 1.4 GW being tendered or 2x700MW?

c. Could each of the two Wind Farm Sites be awarded to different developers?

Answer: The design of the permit tender for Hollandse Kust (west) is still to be decided. It starts with an informal consultation of developers and other parties in the supply chain in Q4 2020-Q1 2021 and will be followed by a draft Ministerial Order.