



Questions and Answers on Borssele Wind Farm Site V SDE+ Offshore Wind Energy Category Final Version 2017

Please note: In the event of any imperfections or errors, or where various interpretations are possible, the Ministerial Order takes precedence.

Process and Procedures		
No.	Question	Answer
1	How is the assessment of the applications and the rankings determined by RVO.nl?	All fully completed applications will be assessed and only those that comply with all the applicable conditions will be ranked. Ranking is based on four criteria: the contribution to cost reduction of offshore wind energy, the potential contribution to the Dutch economy, the level of innovation of the project relative to the international standards of technology together with the extent to which the knowledge position of the Netherlands is boosted, and the quality of the project. The project itself and the spin-off resulting from the project are examined during the assessment. There will be one successful applicant who will use one or both locations within Site V.
2	Who assesses the applications?	The applications will be assessed by RVO.nl staff and hired experts with specific knowledge of offshore wind energy.
3	What is the procedure regarding additional and supplementary information for the subsidy application, and how will RVO.nl request additional information or amendments?	Once the tender has closed, it will no longer be possible to supplement or amend an application with information that could affect the assessment of the application.
4	Will RVO.nl ask questions if there is something in the application which is unclear or which it is lacking?	It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a clear and complete application. The assessment of the applications will start after the tender closes. Once the tender has closed, it will no longer be possible to supply any new or supplementary information that could affect the assessment. If an applicant submits an application which is so poor that it is not (or cannot be) ranked, it will be rejected on the basis of Section 59 of the SDE Decision.
5	What happens if no bids meet the minimum ranking score?	If no application is awarded a minimum of three points for each criterion, no applicant will be declared successful.

Applicant or applicants		
No.	Question	Answer
1	Can a public limited company or a private limited company (an N.V. and a B.V. under Dutch law, respectively) in the process of formation submit an application and is this submission possible without a Dutch Chamber of Commerce (Kvk) number?	The applicant enterprise can be a public limited company (N.V.) or a private limited company (B.V.) in the process of formation provided that it is listed in the Dutch Commercial Register. This fact means that a Chamber of Commerce (Kvk) number is compulsory. It is also compulsory to incorporate the public limited company (N.V.) or private limited company (B.V.) immediately after the possible award



Applicant or applicants		
		of a subsidy and permit (the deed of incorporation should be executed before a civil-law notary and the registration in the Commercial Register must be complete).
2	Who can apply for a subsidy?	The intended operator of Site V submits the application. They may collaborate with the parties seeking to demonstrate innovative technologies or it may itself be that party. It is essential that anyone applying for the investment and operating subsidy is also the owner of the power generation facility.
3	Can multiple subsidiaries of a parent company submit an application?	Yes. Every subsidiary of a parent company is an independent legal entity. The Ministerial Order for Innovative Offshore Wind Energy stipulates that for the purpose of determining the applicant's equity capital, the equity capital of the relevant parent company can be taken into account for a maximum of two applicants. In order to include the equity capital of the parent company, consent must be granted by the parent company. If a parent company's equity capital is taken into account for more than two subsidy applicants, the equity capital of the parent company will be disregarded for all applications in which the parent company's equity capital was included.

Communication		
No.	Question	Answer
1	What information will RVO.nl (Netherlands Enterprise Agency) publish about the ranking(s) and the successful applicant(s)?	RVO.nl will in any event announce the successful applicant, the type of company (SME/large enterprise), a public summary of the winning project and the subsidy amount granted. The details of rejected applicants and their projects will not be communicated to the public. Each applicant will be informed of its position in the ranking through the decision, which will also explain the reasons for the scores based on the ranking criteria. In the event of an objection, RVO.nl will have to submit the details which resulted in the decision to the party lodging the objection. These details will include any substantive assessment the application by RVO.nl and the report of the ranking meeting. The description of the discussion of the other projects contained in the details will normally be redacted. Confidential company data will not be shared. RVO.nl can be obliged to disclose some or all information based on a court decision.
2	How can stakeholders keep up to date with current information?	It is your responsibility to keep up to date with the latest information. The latest information regarding the tender, subsidy and permit can be found on www.rvo.nl/sde . Visit offshorewind.rvo.nl for all the available data regarding the site examinations. Via www.mijnrvo.nl , you can find all information required for submitting your application. You are also welcome to subscribe to the Offshore Wind Energy newsletter, which provides information on meetings, examinations, and so on. The newsletter does not have a regular publication schedule and does not provide a complete picture of current data.



		You can subscribe to the newsletter by sending an email to woz@rvo.nl . The information can also be found on offshorewind.rvo.nl .
3	I have a question. Where should I direct it and how will I obtain an answer?	You may submit questions to woz@rvo.nl , quoting "Question re Innovation Site." You will receive a reply by email. In principle, questions and answers will also be posted in general terms and in anonymised form on this website . RVO.nl uses this method to ensure that everyone receives the same information. The deadline for submitting questions to RVO.nl is 17:00 on 15 December. In this way, an answer will be given before the tender period starts.

Application form

No.	Question	Answer
1	In what language must applications be made?	The application form for both the SDE subsidy and the permit is only available in Dutch. This form must be filled in by the applicant in Dutch or English. You should draw up the project plan, which is a mandatory appendix, in English as foreign experts will be involved in the assessment.
2	Is the application form also available in English?	The official application form is only available in Dutch. For reference purposes, an English translation of the application form can be found in Appendix A of the Project & Site Description for Borssele Wind Farm Site V and on our website. Applications must be submitted through the eLoket (e-Service Point), which uses the Dutch language.
3	What is the definition of a small, medium-sized or large enterprise?	The definition of a small, medium-sized or large enterprise is laid down in European legislation. RVO.nl has published an SME test on its website. You can use this tool to determine whether your company is a small, medium-sized or large enterprise.
4	Can I submit multiple applications?	Yes. You can.

Investment subsidy

No.	Question	Answer
1	How is the level of the investment subsidy determined?	The costs eligible for subsidy are the investment costs in excess of those for Site III, where "standard" technologies are used. As these investment costs are not public information, you will need to work on the basis of the latest calculations by the Energy Research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN), which result in investment costs of € 2,178,000/MW. These reference costs should be used. The investment subsidy amounts to 45% of the eligible costs, with a surcharge of ten percentage points for medium-sized companies or twenty percentage points for small companies, and a maximum of € 15 million per project. For example (application for 18 MW, where the applicant is a small company): investment costs € 50.73 million reference costs 18*2,178,000 = € 39.204 million; additional costs 50.73 - 39.204 = € 11.526 million;



Investment subsidy		
		investment subsidy $0.65 * 11,526,000 = € 7,491,900$.
2	How will payment of the investment subsidy be made?	<p>An advance is paid on the basis of the milestones in the project plan, because costs incurred and advances must coincide with one another. The first advance is paid within two weeks of the commencement of activities. The next advances are paid automatically within two weeks after the start of a new quarter. The total advance will amount to a maximum of 90% of the subsidy amount. The final 10% of the subsidy amount will be paid after the conclusion and upon the assessment of the investment project. You should enter the project start date in the application form.</p> <p>The budget that you submit with your application should be based on milestones, which in turn are based on the milestones in your implementation plan. The advances are distributed on the basis of the milestones. Within a milestone period, the costs are distributed on a linear basis and paid within two weeks after the start of a new quarter.</p> <p>If the project is delayed, you have a duty to report this fact and to request permission, through an amendment application, so the advance can be adjusted as well.</p>
3	Where can I include costs for monitoring and testing in the budget?	Such costs are not eligible for the investment subsidy. This tender involves investment projects which have passed the prototype stage and are being applied in the market for the first time, just before potential large-scale market introduction. The facility or machinery is of a permanent nature (unlike a pilot where the facility is usually dismantled once the pilot has been completed). No investment support is granted or paid after the facility has been commissioned (i.e. the time of the first supply of electricity). From that moment onwards, the SDE+ operating subsidy is applicable. This fact means that all costs for activities, such as monitoring costs and testing costs, taking place after commissioning are ineligible for an investment subsidy.
4	What are the reference costs and are they related to the wind turbine's position or to the installed capacity?	The reference costs are € 2,178,000 per MW of installed capacity; e.g. the reference costs for a 10-MW turbine are € 21,780,000.

SDE subsidy		
No.	Question	Answer
1	Will a provision be included in the decision to award a subsidy that can correct the basic amount in connection with the proceeds stemming from the system of tradable allowances for greenhouse gas emissions?	No. No provision on this matter will be included in the subsidy decision.
2	Is the SDE subsidy exempt from VAT throughout the entire term?	The SDE subsidy is exempt from VAT.
3	If a wind farm's production declines, will the advance payments be adjusted?	If, based on the actual production achieved, a wind farm's production declines to such an extent that the advance funding looks as though it will be higher than the total payable annual subsidy, the advance funding will be temporarily or permanently reduced or discontinued.



SDE subsidy		
4	Can the SDE+ subsidy for one turbine start before the other turbine is ready?	Yes. The start date of the subsidy period may differ for each turbine, provided that the subsidy period always starts on the first day of a month and that the start dates are at least two months apart. You must install a meter on the Beta platform in order to measure the electricity production that is eligible for a subsidy. Since there is just one cable linking the two turbines to the Beta platform, you will also have to provide each turbine with its own meter if the start dates are different so the eligible production can be determined for each turbine (after all, the subsidy period will also end on different dates in this case).
5	Is electricity produced prior to the official completion of a wind farm eligible for a subsidy?	Yes. Electricity produced prior to the official completion of a wind farm may be eligible for the SDE subsidy. The start date of the subsidy period may differ for each turbine (see previous question).
6	Will the tender amount be adjusted for inflation during the construction and operating phase?	No.
7	Is it correct that the provisional adjustment amount will be determined for the period from October to September inclusive and that the definitive adjustment amount will be determined for the period from January to December inclusive?	The provisional adjustment amount will be determined for the 12 months prior to the publication of the provisional adjustment amount. As this information is published in October, the provisional adjustment amount will be determined for the period from October to September inclusive. The definitive adjustment amount will be determined for the period from January to December inclusive.
8	How will payment of the SDE+ subsidy be made?	From the moment that Guarantees of Origin have been issued for the electricity generated and the start date of the subsidy submitted by the applicant has passed, a monthly advance payment will be made amounting to 80% of one twelfth of the annual eligible production multiplied by the subsidy amount. Start dates for subsidies always fall on the first day of a particular month. In principle, RVO.nl will pay the advances during the first week of the relevant month. The actual production figure and a definitive adjustment amount will be determined in April of the following year. Once these figures have been determined, any remaining subsidy for the previous year will be paid over the course of the subsequent months. If too much has been paid in advance, no more advances will be paid until the excess funds have been settled.
9	If the wind farm is in operation for a period shorter than 15 years, how would that fact influence the SDE subsidy?	The amount of the advance is established annually. Not completing the full subsidy period will have no impact on the subsidy granted earlier for preceding years of production.

Wind report and wind turbines		
No.	Question	Answer
1	Can the applicant personally draw up a wind report and subsequently have it approved by an independent party?	No. The wind report must be compiled by an independent party, not by the applicant.
2	Wind turbines with boosters are available. How does a booster affect the capacity of the wind turbine and the wind farm?	In order to determine the capacity of wind turbines and wind farms, the nominal capacity as defined in Section 1 of the Ministerial Order for Innovative Offshore Wind Energy applies.



Wind report and wind turbines		
3	With what certification must wind turbines comply?	Section 6.16d of the Water Decree stipulates that a certificate must be issued by an independent expert no later than eight weeks prior to the start of the construction period, stating that the design of the wind turbines and other installations that form part of the wind farm comply with the requirements set out in Section 6.16g(1) of the Water Decree. Applicants who make use of a type of wind turbine that has already been certified for offshore wind energy need not provide any further information. Applicants who wish to make use of a type of wind turbine that has not yet been certified for offshore wind energy must provide information demonstrating that the applicant can plausibly provide the above certification from an independent expert no later than eight weeks prior to the start of the construction period.
4	Does RVO.nl publish a list of parties approved by RVO.nl to prepare the wind report?	No. RVO.nl does not publish a list of parties that have been approved to prepare wind reports.
5	What capacity curve must be used for the calculation of the P50 in the wind report?	The wind report must be prepared by an independent party with expertise in the field of wind energy yield calculations. This party will use the capacity curve determined by a certification institution. If this information is not available, the supplier of the wind turbine can make a capacity curve available.
6	When determining the P50 for Site V, the Belgian wind farms that came into operation on 1 July 2016 must be taken into account. Is a capacity curve available for these wind turbines?	No. On RVO.nl's website, you can find the information from the Belgian wind farms that needs to be taken into account, including the turbine type. The capacity curves will not be made available.
7	The General Implementing Regulations for SDE+ stipulated that the calculation of the P50 value for the wind farm's net electricity production per annum must take into account the availability, wake effects, electricity losses and curtailment losses. What is meant by curtailment losses??	Curtailment losses are incurred if TenneT must curtail the transport capacity of the export cables as a result of the cables becoming too hot. TenneT guarantees a transport capacity of 20 MW for Site V. There is no scope for transplanting, so you can set the curtailment losses at zero.
8	The developer of an innovative wind turbine that has not yet been certified is initially taking a conservative power curve as a starting point. However, according to the manufacturer, it is very probable that the power curve will improve (become steeper) during the development process. What power curve may be used for the P50?	The most probable power curve of the turbine developer can be used. After all, the key factor is the determination of the net P50 value, i.e. where there is a 50% chance of that level of production being achieved. If a power curve is estimated too conservatively by the turbine developer, the party preparing the wind report may use the most probable power curve for the calculation of the net P50 value.
9	When an applicant chooses a non-certified wind turbine, must they also demonstrate convincingly in Appendix 10 that the foundations and infield cables will meet the requirements set out in Section 6.16d(1)(c) of the Water Decree in good time?	Yes. In such a case, the applicant must demonstrate convincingly that they will have a declaration of an independent expert showing that the turbines, foundations and infield cables will meet the requirements set out in Section 6.16d(1)(c) of the Water Decree no later than eight weeks before the start of the construction period.

Terms		
No.	Question	Answer
1	What is meant by the "obligation to start the construction of a wind farm within four years of the date on which the permit becomes	The start of construction means the beginning of offshore construction, e.g. the laying of the first foundations.



Terms		
	irrevocable"?	
2	Can the wind farm be dismantled immediately once the SDE subsidy has been determined?	No. The site decisions for Site V stipulate that dismantling can only begin in year 25 after the issue of the permit and must be completed by year 30. As the SDE subsidy is paid over a period of 15 to 16 years, you cannot dismantle the wind farm immediately after the SDE subsidy has been determined.
3	Section 14(1)(d) of the Offshore Wind Energy Act stipulates that a permit can only be granted if, based on the application, it has been made sufficiently plausible that the construction and operation of the wind farm can commence within four years of the date on which the permit becomes irrevocable. Does this four-year term relate to construction and operation, or only to the fact that construction must start within four years?	In the application, you must make it sufficiently plausible that construction and operation can begin within four years of the date on which the permit becomes irrevocable. The start of operations means the first supply of electricity to the power grid by the wind farm. Once the successful applicant or applicants has or have been informed of the decision or decisions, it can of course happen that the schedules may be delayed for various reasons. Needless to say, this fact has no effect on the assessment of the application.
4	Until what date can the start date for the SDE subsidy be adjusted?	At the subsidy recipient's request, the beginning of the subsidy period can be changed a maximum of three times, provided that the request is submitted no later than the date on which the power generation facility is put into operation and that the date is not outside the term stipulated in Article 61(1) of the Stimulation of Sustainable Energy Production Decision.

Operating model		
No.	Question	Answer
1	What is the minimum value that the project yield must satisfy?	No prior minimum value for the project yield has been prescribed. Ultimately, the financial feasibility will be comprehensively assessed.
2	Completion of the operating model provided by RVO.nl is compulsory. Can you use your own model? And if different yields are given, which should I use in the application form?	Use of the calculation model provided by RVO.nl is compulsory and serves as the guiding principle. In addition to this calculation model, applicants can also submit an operating calculation in accordance with their own model. This process must be done using the same input data as for the calculation model provided by RVO.nl and the calculations in the applicant's model must be explained. If the models differ, this fact means that the yields can also differ. RVO.nl focuses mainly on the plausibility of the input data and understands that different models can also result in different yields.
3	Is it permitted to fill in a lower production level per year in the operating model so as to make use of the 16 th SDE subsidy year?	It is permitted to divide the P50 value in the wind report across 16 SDE subsidy years. You can indicate this option in the operating model.
4	Must interest costs accrued during the construction also be included in the specification of investment costs in the operating model?	The operating model automatically calculates the interest costs accrued during the construction period, so these costs do not need to be included in the investment costs, otherwise they would be duplicated. However, any costs involved in securing loans do need to be included in the investment costs.



Wind Farm Site Decision		
No.	Question	Answer
1	In the event that the infield cables connecting the wind turbines to TenneT's Beta platform are not exactly straight, how many coordinates should be used in order to indicate the correct route?	If a cable is not in a straight line, it is not necessary to supply an extensive series of coordinates. It must be made clear that the infield cables remain within the boundaries of the site. You must therefore select the coordinates and the number of coordinates to ensure that the straight lines between the coordinates remain fully within the site.
2	When was the amendment decision for Wind Farm Site V published?	The amendment decision for Wind Farm Site V was published in the Government Gazette on 7 November 2017. You can find it online at "Officiële Bekendmakingen" (Official Announcements): https://www.officielebekendmakingen.nl/stcrt-2017-64536.html .
3	Is transplanting also possible at Innovation Site V?	No. Transplanting is not possible at Site V. However, TenneT does guarantee a purchase capacity of 20 MW for Site V at all times.
4	In the amendment decision for Borssele Wind Farm Sites III, IV and V, the coordinates are indicated in UTM only and no longer in degrees. Should the coordinates used in the application form also be indicated in UTM only?	The coordinates must be indicated in UTM only.

Financial		
No.	Question	Answer
1	Compliance with the requirement that the applicant possesses capital amounting to at least 10% of the total investment costs can be demonstrated via the parent company's annual accounts. Can this compliance also be demonstrated through the annual accounts of the parent company's parent company (the grandparent company)?	Yes. Applicants can also use the annual accounts of the parent company's parent company to demonstrate that the scale of its equity capital is greater than or equal to 10% of the total investment costs. However, the restrictions described in the answer to question 3 under "Organisation" also apply here.
2	In a group of companies comprising multiple legal entities, consolidated annual accounts are often prepared at the group level. Can these annual accounts be used to comply with the requirement that the applicant must possess equity amounting to at least 10% of the total investment costs?	Consolidated annual accounts for multiple legal entities can be used to demonstrate compliance with the requirement that the applicant must have at its disposal equity capital amounting to at least 10% of the total investment costs. However, the restrictions described in the answer to question 3 under "Organisation" also apply here.
3	Do requirements apply to the annual accounts in order to demonstrate that there is sufficient equity capital?	Requirements apply to the annual accounts. You must submit the most recently adopted annual accounts and they may not be more than three years old. A more detailed explanation of these requirements can be found in the notes to Appendix 4 of the application form.
4	In the event that the application's financial plan was based on 20% equity capital, is it permitted to deviate from this figure at a later date?	In the financial plan, you must indicate how you propose to finance the wind farm. You may deviate from the plan at a later stage.
5	If the applicant makes use of a so-called SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle), can every parent company of every participant in this SPV count towards the requirement that the applicant must have at its disposal equity capital amounting to at least 10% of the total investment costs?	Where an SPV is used, the parent company of every participant in this SPV may count towards the requirement that the applicant must have at its disposal equity capital amounting to at least 10% of the total investment costs. However, the restrictions described in the answer to question 3 under "Applicant or applicants" also apply here.



Financial		
6	<p>According to the Ministerial Order for Innovative Offshore Wind Energy, when calculating the equity capital of the applicant, the equity capital of its parent company can be included, provided that the parent company has consented to this practice in writing. Is there a template in which such consent can be granted? Are there any requirements which the declaration of consent needs to meet?</p>	<p>No template will be made available. There are no specific requirements regarding the format of the declaration, as long as it clearly reflects the parent company's consent and it is signed by an authorised signatory.</p>
7	<p>Can several entities within a group use their own equity capital as a parent company for an application by a subsidiary?</p>	<p>Within a group of several entities, several entities may use their equity capital as a parent company for a subsidiary, provided that the equity capital of an entity can also be demonstrated through annual accounts for this entity. However, the restrictions described in the answer to question 3 under "Applicant or applicants" also apply here.</p>
8	<p>Can a copy of the signed declaration of consent with regard to the parent company's equity capital be supplied, or must the original signed document be supplied?</p>	<p>A copy of the signed declaration of consent may be supplied. In case of doubt, RVO.nl may request the original.</p>
9	<p>What conditions can financiers include in the letter of intent?</p>	<p>In principle, it is not permitted to include conditions in the letter of intent that result in it being excessively non-committal. However, a number of conditional statements can be used. The following are examples of such statements.</p> <p><i>The financing package of [name of tenderer] is subject to the following conditions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>approval granted by the [name of the body of the financier authorised to grant approval (e.g. relevant loans committee)] of [name of financier];</i>• <i>satisfactory due diligence report;</i>• <i>completion of all financing/loan documents relating to the legal relationship between [name of tenderer] and [name of financier].</i> <p><i>This declaration of support will be exclusively issued for the benefit of [__name of tenderer__] and no other legal or natural person is entitled to rely on or derive rights from this declaration.</i></p> <p><i>To avoidance any misunderstanding, this declaration does not constitute an unconditional or irrevocable commitment or a legally binding obligation – by whatever name – to provide financing.</i></p>
10	<p>Do minimum credit ratings apply to financiers?</p>	<p>No. No minimum credit ratings have been set for financiers.</p>
11	<p>Do requirements apply to the annual accounts in order to demonstrate that there is sufficient equity capital?</p>	<p>Requirements apply to the annual accounts. You must submit the most recently adopted annual accounts and they may not be more than three years old. A more detailed explanation of these requirements can be found in the notes to Appendix 4 of the application form.</p>



Bank guarantees and implementation agreements		
No.	Question	Answer
1	Can the bank guarantee be divided into multiple sections in order to enable different collaboration partners to submit their own share of the bank guarantee?	No. The bank guarantee cannot be split up into multiple sections.
2	Can a bank guarantee be provided in the form of a parent company guarantee?	No. The bank guarantee can only be issued by a bank for which the branch in question is established in a European Union Member State. The bank guarantee must be based on the model published in the Ministerial Order for Innovative Offshore Wind Energy.
3	When will the bank guarantee be returned?	A € 600,000 bank guarantee must be provided within four weeks after the issuing of the SDE subsidy decision. This sum must be exchanged within 12 months for a € 2 million bank guarantee. The € 2 million bank guarantee will be returned after the subsidy recipient has put the power generation facility into operation. The term "put into operation" used in the context of returning the bank guarantee refers to the date on which evidence is submitted of the first electricity supply. This provision means that once RVO.nl has received proof that Guarantees of Origin have been issued for the electricity provided, the bank guarantee and accompanying letter will be returned to the bank and a copy of this letter will be sent to the applicant.
4	When must the signed implementation agreement and the bank guarantee be submitted?	The subsidy will be awarded under the condition precedent that within two weeks after the decision to award a subsidy, an implementation agreement is entered into between the Dutch State and the subsidy recipient in accordance with the agreement included in the appendix to the Ministerial Order. In addition, the subsidy will be awarded under the condition precedent that within four weeks after the date of the decision to award a subsidy, the subsidy recipient provides proof that a bank guarantee as referred to in Article 2(1) of the agreement included in the appendix has been issued to RVO.nl in Zwolle. These conditions precedent will be explicitly stated in the decision, along with the exact dates.
5	Two bank guarantees are stipulated in the Ministerial Order for Innovative Offshore Wind Energy. The first bank guarantee amounts to € 600,000 and the second to € 2 million. Does the second bank guarantee replace the first or is it additional, resulting in a total of € 2.6 million in bank guarantees?	The second bank guarantee replaces the first bank guarantee. Following receipt of the second bank guarantee, the first bank guarantee will be returned by registered letter to the address stated on the bank guarantee as the return address.
6	Imagine that an SDE decision is reversed by a court decision and that the second bank guarantee of € 2 million has already been provided at that moment. Will the bank guarantee be returned?	If the award of the subsidy is reversed in an appeal procedure, RVO.nl will return the € 2 million bank guarantee to the bank with a copy to the applicant.
7	Was it a conscious decision to include a suspension provision regarding the obligatory project completion period of five years after the award of the subsidy, in the event that the site decision later becomes irrevocable, and not to include a suspension provision regarding the obligation to provide a second bank guarantee of € 2 million?	It was a conscious decision not to include a suspension provision with regard to providing the second bank guarantee of € 2 million.



Other		
No.	Question	Answer
1	Do the permit and the subsidy qualify as a "public works concession", meaning that the tendering obligations stemming from the Public Procurement Act 2012 apply to both the Minister of Economic Affairs and the successful tenderer?	No. The Ministerial Order for Innovative Offshore Wind Energy is a subsidy scheme and is not subject to the Public Procurement Act 2012. The permit is not subject to the Public Procurement Act 2012 either.
2	Must the successful tenderer pay a fee for using the sites?	No. Borssele Wind Farm Site V is outside the 12 nautical mile zone. The successful tenderer is not required to pay a fee for using the sites.
3	Must the successful tenderer pay a fee for the site examinations for Site V?	No. The successful tenderer or tenderers does or do not have to bear the costs of the site examinations.
4	What date of completion should be selected for TenneT's Beta Platform?	The date of completion for the Beta Platform stipulated in the Assessment Framework is 31 August 2020. You should schedule your first power supply date after that date. Note that under the Offshore Wind Energy Act, however, the construction and operation of the wind farm must commence within a period of four years after the permit becomes irrevocable. This fact means that you should schedule a commencement date in between those two dates.
5	Until when will data from the metocean measurement campaign in the Borssele Wind Farm Zone be available?	Fugro has conducted a metocean measurement campaign in the Borssele Wind Farm Energy Zone so as to make meteorological and oceanographic data available. The measuring campaign for the buoy in the centre of the Borssele Wind Farm Zone (Position 1) ran from January 2015 to February 2017 inclusive. For further information, see this link . The measuring campaign for the buoy in relation to the wake effects of the adjacent wind farms (Position 2) ran from February 2016 to July 2016 inclusive. For further information, see this link . The available data have been quantitatively approved by ECN and may also be found at www.windopzee.net .
6	How are Dong and Blauwwind prevented from having more information about the connection to the grid than the other tender participants?	TenneT will post new information about the connection to the grid on its website, where it is available to everyone.
7	Can I also store the wind energy at the site itself and later convert it into electricity on TenneT's Beta platform?	No. Electricity production must take place at the site itself and must subsequently be connected to the Beta platform through a 66-kV electricity cable.
8	Are power generation facilities which use other forms of energy generation from renewable sources, such as solar energy or wave energy, in addition to wind energy eligible for a subsidy?	No. Since under Section 15a of the Electricity Act 1998 the offshore electricity grid connects one or more wind farms to the land-based national high-voltage grid, the grid operator TenneT will in practice be allowed to transport only electricity which has been generated with the aid of wind energy. The definition of a wind farm in Section 1 of the Act offers no scope for renewable energy sources other than wind energy.
9	Is it possible also to use the Renewable Energy Scheme (HER) alongside the SDE and the investment subsidy?	No. The scope of the subsidy as prescribed by the General Block Exemption Regulation has already been fully used through the Ministerial Order for Innovative Offshore Wind Energy. However, should further research be conducted with regard to Site V, that research may be eligible for the HER.