Greening Performance
Report

CONCERNING THE AGREEMENT OF 3 MARCH 2010, ENTERED INTO WITH A PRIVATE JAPANESE ENTITY

For the year 2010, as of 31 December 2010

National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management
National Operator of the Green Investment Scheme
Climate Protection Department
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1. Executive summary

1.1. Background

The agreement with a private Japanese entity was entered into on 3 March 2010. The commercial value of the agreement amounts to EUR 27,840,000.00. On 10 March 2010 the Climate Account, owned by the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management acting as the National Operator of the Green Investment Scheme, was credited with the amount equivalent to the commercial value of the agreement, which after conversion into Polish currency amounted to PLN 109,828,800.00.

1.2. Summary of AAU Purchase Agreement commitments

Under the Purchase Agreement commitments, the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management (NFOŚiGW) will guarantee that the Proceeds will be disbursed for the purpose of the Greening Programme titled “Energy management in public service buildings”.

Up to 5% of the proceeds (PLN 5,491,440.00) may be assigned for covering the costs of implementing the Green Investment Scheme, including:

a) Technical assistance for eligible Beneficiaries in preparation and development of Greening Activities.
b) Marketing and promotion of Greening Programmes,
c) Management and administration of the Greening Plan and Greening Activities by the Selling Party or the Operator of the Green Investment Scheme;
d) Monitoring, verification, reporting and audits, including external auditors and reviewers.

The description of activities eligible for co-financing was included in the Greening Plan, annexed to the AAU Purchase Agreement as Annex 1.

The Agreement specifies the following deadlines for performance of commitments:

− publishing the announcement on the call for proposals – by 30 June 2010,
− deadline for making commitments – 31 December 2011,
− deadline for disbursing the proceeds – 31 December 2012,
− deadline for performance of activities – 31 December 2012,
− deadline for activities’ monitoring – 31 December 2013.

1.3. Call for proposals

Announcement on the call for proposals under the Greening Programme "Energy management in public service buildings" was published on 30 June 2010 on the website of the NFOŚiGW and in the „Dziennik Gazeta Prawna” daily. The call was announced with an allocation of PLN 104 million in the form of a grant from GIS funds derived from transactions with the Japanese partner. On 30 July 2010 the allocation as part of the call for proposals was increased to the amount of PLN 181 million from the proceeds coming from agreements with Ireland and the second agreement with Japan.
2. Performance of the call for proposals

The call for proposals commenced on 29 October 2010 and was to end on 29 November 2010. In addition, the Applicants could also apply for additional co-financing in the form of loans from other resources of the NFOŚiGW. In order to do that, submission of a separate application to the NFOŚiGW was required. However, due to adverse weather conditions on the territory of the entire country on 29 November 2010 and related problems with the delivery of applications for co-financing, the Management Board of the NFOŚiGW, upon the consent of the Minister of the Environment, postponed the deadline for submitting applications from 29 November to 3 December 2010.

Under this call for proposals the NFOŚiGW received applications for co-financing of 32 activities. The requested co-financing in the form of grants amounts to PLN 130,168,788.94, and to PLN 219,206,873.62 in the case of co-financing in the form of loans, with the total final cost of activities of PLN 473,725,753.39. The total environmental effect (reduction of CO\(_2\) emissions) estimated in the submitted applications is 8.6 million Mg CO\(_2\)/year.  

3. Description of the Greening Activities

The submitted applications for co-financing cover the following buildings: educational facilities (75 buildings), healthcare services (105 buildings), higher education schools (17 buildings), self-government facilities (9 buildings), cultural institutions (4 buildings), Volunteer Fire Fighter Brigade (2 buildings), church buildings (13 buildings) and other (9 buildings).

As the procedure of assessing the applications was not completed in the period covered by this report, presentation of more detailed information is not possible. Such information will be presented in further Greening Performance Reports.

4. Financial performance of the activities

Since in the period covered by this report the assessment procedure was not completed for any of the applications, and thus no contracts were entered into, more detailed information on the schedule of disbursement of grants to Beneficiaries will be presented in further Greening Performance Reports.

5. Greening Effects

The rules and regulations of the call for proposals include estimates on the planned environmental effect at the level of 85 thousand Mg CO\(_2\)/year. The aggregate level of the environmental effect estimated in the applications for co-financing amounts to 8.6 million Mg CO\(_2\)/year.  

Due to the pending assessment of applications, which may result in the changed subject matter scope of the activities included in the applications and verified level of the environmental effect, detailed information on the planned reduction of CO\(_2\) emissions will be included in further Greening Performance Reports.

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1 Data before substantive assessment based on the information presented by the applicants. These data may contain errors due to mistakes in calculations presented by the Applicants.
6. **Environmental compliance**

As regards the activities concerning the thermo-rehabilitation of existing buildings, the most important environmental requirement is protection of species of birds and bats. Therefore, the instructions concerning their protection were annexed to the Priority Programme.

As the procedure of assessing the applications was not completed in the period covered by this report, presentation of more detailed information on particular applications is not possible.

7. **Main Activities of the National Operator**

7.1. **Implementation issues addressed by the NO**

The AAU Purchase Agreement includes many provisions imposing performance of particular actions by the Selling Party, which is, according to the Agreement, the Republic of Poland (represented by the Minister of the Environment). In cases where such actions are indicated as the tasks of the NFOŚiGW in the Act of 17 July 2009 on the system to manage the emissions of greenhouse gases and other substances, such actions are carried out directly by the NFOŚiGW.

At the same time, in the course of work related to implementation of the AAU Purchase Agreement, a lack of consistency between the provisions was identified as regards the deadlines for submitting reports to the Purchasing Party (the deadlines were calculated on the basis of the number of days indicated in the clauses of the Greening Plan):

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The NFOŚiGW proposes to consider as binding the deadlines for submitting reports indicated in the Table 1 Section 5 of the Greening Plan, since they fully describe the schedule for preparation and submission of reports.

7.2. **Other activities related to GIS management**

In 2010 the NFOŚiGW conducted the following activities relating to the implementation of the Green Investment Scheme:

1. Development of methodologies for monitoring, estimating and verifying emissions' reduction, on the basis of appropriate methodologies of the mechanism of Joint Implementations (JI) and Clear Development Mechanism (CDM) for the purpose of the Greening Programme being implemented.
According to the requirement specified in clauses 15 (a) (ii) and (iii) of the Greening Plan, at the beginning of 2010 the NFOŚiGW conducted tender proceedings (under the open tender procedure) in order to select a consultant who would develop such methodologies. The contract was entered into with the contractor on 22 February 2010 and its performance was completed on 27 October 2010.

2. Dissemination of information on the Green Investment Scheme.


2.2. Presentation of information on the Green Investment Scheme during trade conferences and in the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, and in particular during:

2.2.1. “Forum Biogaz 2010” (Biogas Forum) Conference, Warsaw, 4 March 2010,

2.2.2. “Ochrona klimatu szansą dla gospodarki i społeczeństwa” (Climate Protection as an Opportunity for Economy and Society) Conference, Sejm of the Republic of Poland, 27 April 2010,

2.2.3. “Inwestycje w energetyce” (Investments in Energy Industry) Conference, Warsaw, 27-28 April 2010,

2.2.4. Trade conference on implementation of investments in biogas, Poznań, 19 May 2010,

2.2.5. “Polish Green Investment Scheme Opportunities for Spanish Industry” presentation, GENERA trade fair 2010, Madrid, 20 May 2010,

2.2.6. 2nd Eco-energy Forum, 16-18 September 2010, Polkowice.

2.3. By 31 December 2010 more than 800 publications on the subject of Green Investment Scheme were published in the press and over 1,000 on the Internet.

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