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BICENTENARIO I WIND FARM



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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Environmental Product Declaration and the EPD system

Environmental labelling is of growing importance and cuts across trade, as consumers demand more sustainable products and rigorous, quantitative information, while companies require environmental supply chain information from their suppliers and governments introduce environmental accounting into their legislation to protect their markets.

An Environmental Product Declaration is defined in ISO 14025 as the quantification of a product's environmental data with the categories and parameters specified in the ISO 14040 series of standards, but without excluding additional environmental information. The International EPD System® (Environdec) aims primarily to help and support organisations to communicate the environmental impact of their products (goods and services) in a credible and understandable way.

This EPD has been developed in accordance with the International EPD System®. The International EPD® System is an operator of Type II Environmental Declarations in accordance with ISO 14025:2006. The system and its uses are described in the General Programme Instructions (GPI).

The documents on which this EPD is based are, in order of hierarchical relevance:

- ① Product Category Rules, PCR 2007:08 - version 5.01 CPC (D) & (F): Generation and Distribution of Electricity, Steam and Hot/Cold Water, 2007-03-06.
- ② General Programme Instructions for Environmental Product Declarations, Ver. 4.0
- ③ General Programme Instructions for Environmental Product Declarations, Ver. 5.01
- ④ ISO 14025:2006 - Environmental labels and declarations -- Type II environmental declarations -- Principles and procedures.
- ⑤ ISO 14040:2006 and ISO 14044:2006 on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA).

This EPD contains an environmental performance statement based on the LCA. It also contains additional environmental information in accordance with the relevant PCR 2007:08 - Electricity, steam, and hot water generation & distribution - version 5.01:

- information on biodiversity protection;
- information on land use and land cover classification;
- information on environmental risks;
- information on the generation of electromagnetic fields;
- information on product noise;
- information on the visual impact of the wind farm.





We are  
the energy  
to build  
the future

## 1.2 PCR Energy

With more than 100 years of experience, we are an Argentinean energy company engaged in the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas, and currently the largest cement producer in Patagonia.

In a context of global energy transition, in the last 7 years, we have expanded our business to the construction and operation of wind farms and the commercialisation of electricity from renewable sources.

We seek sustainable development with a strong commitment to caring for the natural environment surrounding our operations and minimising any negative impact of the activities of the Group's companies. We promote management that respects diversity and complies with occupational health and safety. At the same time, we promote the development of quality of life and respect for the local culture of the communities in which we operate.



We are convinced that renewable energies are the technologies with the greatest expectations for growth in the 21st century, given that only they offer an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable solution to the energy that the world needs to drive its development.

## 12.1 Commitment to the environment

We manage our business through practices and procedures that contribute to the care of the environment, the efficient use of resources and the fight against climate change. We materialise our commitment in policies and guidelines designed to ensure responsible, efficient and sustainable management and development in all our business units; we are committed to complying with legal regulations, reducing negative impacts, promoting continuous environmental improvement, allocating resources efficiently, preventing pollution, raising staff awareness, and assessing risks and opportunities.



The Renewables division has an Integrated Policy that establishes the guidelines for daily actions considering the fundamental points of Quality of service, Environment and Health and Safety.



## 12.2 Environmental management system

We have environmental management systems (EMS) in place in each of our business units to ensure that activities comply with sector-specific impact control and optimisation targets. The systems include processes, measurement mechanisms, training plans, risk management, emergency preparedness and crisis management for business continuity. The environmental management system at Hilda is ISO 14001 certified.

In general terms, these cover the management of:



Emissions



Water



Energy



Spills



Waste



Care for biodiversity

Based on these processes, we measure and monitor the actions and performance indicators for the fulfilment of the assumed objectives.



## 12.3 Environmental impact assessment

In order to continuously improve our environmental management and comply with legal requirements, we conduct environmental impact assessments and studies at our operations.

For each project we manage the corresponding environmental impact statements (EIS) before the corresponding authorities and thus, we determine whether a project is environmentally suitable or not.



Under this framework, the Bicentenario I wind farm was declared "environmentally suitable".



## 12.4 Climate change and emissions



Aware of the impact of our business on climate change, at PCR we work to ensure that the management of our operations is as efficient as possible in terms of caring for resources and the planet, particularly in relation to our emissions and carbon footprint. True to our commitment, PCR promotes the development of technologies and the use of alternative materials that minimise our greenhouse gas emissions. In particular, we highlight our renewable energy business unit, which makes a positive contribution to the fight against climate change.



## 12.5 Efficient energy management (renewables only)

The renewables division aims at the efficient and sustainable design of all its projects, considering the appropriate equipment to be able to air-condition and illuminate spaces. In this line, we carry out lighting studies and heat balances to precisely define the necessary equipment. As a result, we define the minimum quantities required and select the most efficient equipment for air conditioning.

As a complement to the design and selection of equipment, we promote good practices for the optimisation of electrical energy consumption and develop measurement indicators with the aim of establishing reduction and efficiency targets. We work on raising awareness among employees about good environmental practices, signage to turn off lights, appliances, and others when they leave the offices, optimising electrical equipment for greater efficiency, and investing in the construction of renewable energy parks.



## 12.6 Waste Management

We work to minimise waste generation and improve our environmental impact through circular economy practices and proper separation of materials.

Our wind farms have waste management instructions as part of their environmental management system, which controls the containers for waste collection and temporary storage, manages the removal of waste and the records generated, and systematises the legal documentation of the authorised waste transporters and treaters. The chamber is cleaned annually and the waste is disposed of through an authorised supplier. In the process, a manifest and a certificate of final disposal are required from the transport and disposal companies. The activity that generates the largest volume of waste is the maintenance of wind turbines carried out by VÍKÍSS, which includes the generation of special waste such as R1, R11, R12 and R13. In 2020 in terms of waste from sewage effluents, cleaning of facilities and canteen, we segregated waste from the operations area into recyclable, organic and inert waste, reducing final disposal. Within the works, the waste accounted for is divided into the categories of: special waste, inert waste and solid urban waste. In this sector, we have details of the special waste generated by each contractor in each of the works divided by stream (r), hazardlessness (h) and a detail of the authorised transport and final disposal suppliers together with the transport manifests and final disposal certificates. In all cases, contractors report on a monthly basis the generation and type of treatment given to the waste generated.



Waste disposal is managed in accordance with the legal requirements applicable to each location, with authorised transporters and operators, both for hazardous waste management and solid urban waste.

## 12.7 Spill Management

In the event of a spill, the **Renewables division acts in accordance with the Emergency Response document included in the Environmental Management System**. We also manage in accordance with the Spill Control and Waste Management processes within the same system. In 2020, there were no significant spills at Lur and Pilóns (more than 300 litres). It should be noted that, at Lur, the storage sites for special substances and waste have measures such as anti-spill kits, containment basins, fire extinguishers and eyewash. In addition, the chemical and special waste sites have a perimeter gutter and secondary containment basin.



## 12.8 PCR Renewables

In 2006 we began our journey into renewable energy and in 2022 we commissioned the three wind farms we had been developing since 2002 (Vivoradi, San Luis Norte and Matoso II), bringing the PCR Group's total installed capacity to 527.4 MW, all our wind farms are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and technology, with world-leading equipment suppliers. Through our subsidiaries ur de tres Picos S.A., Parque del Bicentenario S.A. and Generación Eléctrica Argentina Renovables I S.A., we have 6 wind farms in operation with a total generation capacity of 527.4 MW in the provinces of Santa Cruz, Buenos Aires and San Luis.

**527.4 MW**

PCR Group's total  
generation capacity

Summation of the Matoso II, Vivoradi, San Luis Norte, Bicentenario I, Bicentenario II and San Jorge II Matoso wind farms.

**100.8 MW**

from Bicentenario I  
wind farm\*

Capacity factor of 54.8% (vs. 54.8% in 2021)  
and an annual production of 408.75 GWh.

54.8%

408.75 GWh

\*This EPD refers to Bicentenario I wind farm.

On the other hand, in terms of commercialisation, Hidraur and Tur sell all of their generated energy to the Compañía Administradora del Mercado Mayorista Eléctrico S.A. (CAMMESA) (CAMMESA), while the energy generated by Hidraur, Matoso II, Vivoradi and San Luis Norte is sold to large consumers through supply contracts under the renewable energy forward market (MATFER): scindar S.A., Minos Argentinos S.A., Qubra, Arcos Corados Eléctricos S.A. (Iselanda), Papel Prensa S.A., disasimilación Argentina S.A., Air Liquide Argentina S.A., Scania Argentina S.A., Rigolera, Comarín, Royen (Curb S.A.), Cova (P&P Solar S.A.), Silva, Banco Italcia, Bridgestone, Bunge Argentina S.A. and the cement division of PCR. The San Luis Norte project was executed through the subsidiary delat S.A. in partnership with scindar industria Argentina de acero S.A. ("scindar") (50% PCR Group and 50% scindar). As of December 2022, we have no projects under construction, but we have been assigned 150 MW of dispatch priority under the MATFER, through subsidiaries, for which we have been working since last year on the engineering of these projects, a process that will continue during the first months of 2024.



## 1.3 Functional Unit

This document represents the Environmental Product Declaration for the energy generated at the El Centenario wind farm (Ftilda.).

In this context, the functional unit is the reference that exactly defines the element being analysed and assessed from the environmental point of view in the declaration. All the information in this document is referenced to the functional unit, which in this case is:



“1 kWh net generated and distributed to the 132 kV electricity grid in Argentina by an on-shore wind farm of PCR S.A. in Santa Cruz, Argentina”.



The amount of energy used as reference flow has been **488621.98 MWh**. This reference flow represents the total net energy that the wind farm can distribute to the grid during its expected 25 years of operation and is the value that allows all the inputs and outputs, mentioned in the following sections, to be subsequently referenced to the functional unit, defined in the previous paragraph.

## 1.4 Allocation of environmental burdens

Environmental load allocation is a mandatory step in the calculation of the environmental footprint of a product based on the life cycle analysis methodology, whenever there are other by-products in addition to the object of study. It consists of dividing the input or output flows of a process or a product system between the product system under study and one or more other product systems (ISO 15085:2008).

The physical allocation criterion was defined according to PCr 200704 v 5.01, where the ISO's rule indicates that the sum of the impacts of all individual products must equal the total load of the process, all allocated to energy generation.

## 1.5 Description of the product system analysed

The reference system studied is the "Bicentenario I wind farm" (PBBIA I) wind farm, builded with a total of 38 v-87 wind turbines, 28 m high and 2.8 MW, totalling an installed capacity of 106.6 MW, which will be incorporated as clean energy to the Wholesale Electricity Market (MELM) through the construction of the 33/132 kv - 5x70mm<sup>2</sup> Bicentenario 33/132 kv and the corresponding sectioning of 132 kv La F. Petroquímica 33 - Puerto Deseado 33, being one of the advantages of the project not requiring the additional construction of 132 kv La F.

### 1.5.1 Location

The PBBIA I wind farm and its 132 kv power line is located 10 km SE of the town of Jaramilla, and 100 km NW of the city of Puerto Deseado, Santa Cruz Province.

### 1.5.2 Technical Specifications

The system comprises 38 v-87 wind turbines with 28 m high and have a rated output of 2.8 MW.



The access point to the PBBIA I field is located at coordinates:  
-47°9'43.8"S; -67°9'30.7"W



## 2. ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION BASED ON LCA

### 2.1 Life cycle assessment methodology

As stated in ISO 14063:2010 (Environmental labels and declarations – Type III environmental declarations – Principles and procedures), the environmental impact data collected in an Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) are part of the results obtained from an analysis conducted following the life cycle assessment (LCA) methodology.

The LCA methodology followed for this study is a procedure based on the international standards ISO 14040, ISO 14044, and the Product Category Rules (PCR) 300706 – Generation and distribution of electricity, steam, and hot water – version 5.0.1. The evaluated product category code is UNEPC 17, corresponding to electricity generation.

Using the LCA method, we can obtain a complete breakdown of the elementary inputs and outputs that compose our product system throughout its entire life cycle. These inputs and outputs occur in the form of raw material consumption or different types of emissions and are the indicators that show the actual interaction of the analyzed product with nature.

Additionally, the LCA methodology allows us to obtain global results associated with various environmental impact categories, such as global warming potential, acidification potential, eutrophication potential, or photochemical ozone creation potential, if different characterization methods are applied.



LCA only quantifies information about environmental impacts, excluding social and economic indicators. Similarly, certain environmental impacts associated with the product's life cycle, such as land use, biodiversity impacts, electromagnetic fields, noise, visual impact, or accidental risk, cannot be identified from the LCA perspective. Therefore, these environmental impacts will be analyzed separately in Section 3 of this EPD ("Additional Environmental Impacts").



## 2.2 Analysed system boundaries

This IPB is based on a comprehensive life cycle analysis of the energy generated at the Pilissz wind farm, which is distributed to the I22 HV grid. Therefore, the environmental impacts declared include the entire life cycle of wind energy, from cradle to grave, as defined in the PCR of the International IPB System.

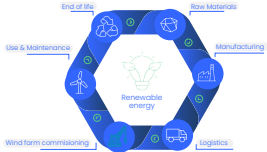


Figure 6  
The life cycle of the energy generated in Pilissz I



The complexity of the system includes the extraction of raw materials for the manufacturing of components, the construction and assembly of wind turbines, as well as logistics, construction, maintenance, and dismantling of the generation plant. It also encompasses the infrastructure related to the electrical grid, both within and outside the wind farm, including the transformer substation and the connection to the G3 grid network. The wind farm operates under medium wind conditions (5-6 m/s) and has a lifespan of 25 years.

The data used to create the UCA model in the Simapro 8.4 software were obtained directly by PCR or by its suppliers and contractors. This information ensures that the declared results accurately reflect the reality of the equipment installed at the Híels 1 wind farm. The data used to create the UCA model are fully traceable, and their accuracy and consistency were reviewed during the verification process.



Regarding the temporal scope of the inventory, the information from the energy generation production system corresponds to the period from January to December 2022.

As required by the reference PCR, the complete life cycle has been divided into three major modules to clearly define the boundaries of the evaluated system: "Upstream," "Core," and "Downstream." Additionally, the core and downstream modules have been further divided into the subdivisions "process" and "infrastructure." The following figure illustrates the boundaries of the evaluated system:

Subsección MP 3: Diagrama descriptivo del sistema



System limits

## 2.2.1 Upstream

The "upstream" module considers all environmental impacts related to the manufacturing of auxiliary substances necessary for the proper functioning of the Pililla I wind farm throughout its 25 years of operation.

Since wind energy does not require fuel for its operation, this module only includes the consideration of substances required during the preventive maintenance phase and their transportation to the installation site.

## 2.2.2 Core processes

Core module includes the stages of "core infrastructure" and "core operation".

### Core Infrastructure

This stage represents the largest part of the life cycle of the energy generated at the wind farm, including all stages related to the construction and dismantling of the wind farm and its components. All impacts associated with the acquisition of raw materials, the manufacturing of installed equipment, its transportation, site construction, and final dismantling are part of this stage. The transportation of these elements to their final destination and the environmental impacts of their handling as waste are also included.

#### 01

##### Wind Turbine Construction



The company del-Comino Towers Argentina S.A. is responsible for the construction of steel covers and their transportation to the wind farms. All information related to this stage was collected from primary data provided by this company. Regarding the moving parts of the wind turbines, the supplier is Vestas Wind System A/S, and construction information was obtained from Icolivent 2.0 databases. The moving parts are designed to have a lifespan of 25 years; however, occasional failures requiring component replacement may occur. This estimated replacement has been considered in the study for the same number of years. The information was provided by the company through statistical data on the operational time of the wind farm, weighted over 25 years.

#### 02

##### Wind Farm Construction



This stage considered the construction of foundations and management areas, with the necessary materials and energy consumption. It also included the construction of roads within the park, land adjustments, as well as the hours of crane and excavator work required for the installation of the wind turbines. The transportation of all wind turbine components includes both land and maritime transport. All necessary inputs for the construction of the transformer substation and the underground power lines connecting the wind turbines to the substation were included. It should be noted that the operation of the transformer substation is not part of ICol S.A., but its construction has been considered according to ICol 200728 v 5.01.

#### 03

##### Wind Farm Dismantling



This stage involves an end-of-life scenario for the wind farm, including the dismantling of the wind turbines and electrical installations within the park. Data for the end-of-life components were based on a hypothesis provided by the company, as no park has been dismantled to date. If the site were to be restored to its original state, part of the foundations above ground would need to be demolished. This concrete could be recycled, with foundations assumed to remain in place and covered with soil and vegetation provided by the company through statistical data on the operational time of the wind farm, weighted over 25 years.

## Core Operation

This stage encompasses the energy generation estimated over the 25-year lifespan. It includes the technical characteristics of the wind turbines, such as performance, efficiency, and the amount of energy they can extract from the wind.

To calculate the amount of energy the wind farm can generate annually, a specific energy generation report was requested. The analysis was carried out in different stages, to ensure precision and reliability in the estimates.

01

### Installation and On-Site Measurement

To obtain accurate data about the wind resource, a measurement mast was installed in the project area. The data collected were considered in the analysis only after at least two years of measurement with high availability.

02

### Correlation with Long-Term Data

The on-site measured data were correlated with long-term series from the IIGI dataset, allowing for a more robust projection of the wind resource over time.

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### Internal Evaluation

Based on the collected information, our team of wind energy specialists conducted a preliminary study using measured data and proprietary simulation models.

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### Local Validation

Subsequently, a locally specialised third party was hired to refine the analysis and adjust projections to the specific site conditions.

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### Independent Confirmation

Before seeking financing and finalising project development, we consulted international specialised firms, such as Mott MacDonald, IIGI, or COWI. These firms conducted an independent validation of the studies, ensuring that the generation estimates meet the standards required by investors and financiers.

The analysis considered key factors impacting energy production, such as:



**Wind Conditions at the Site:** Evaluation of wind speed, direction, and variability at different heights.

**Turbine Power Curve:** Relationship between wind speed and the energy generated by each wind turbine.

**Loss Factors:** Including aspects such as wake effects, losses in electrical transmission and transformation, grid availability, blade soiling, and degradation.



## 2.2.3 Downstream processes

The "downstream processes" module encompasses all impacts that occur from the moment the energy is transmitted from the wind farm substation to the 132 kV high-voltage electrical grid. This module represents two impacts:

### 01 Operation



The environmental impact related to the unavoidable energy losses that occur along the line connecting the wind farm to the electrical grid, caused by the Joule effect. In Argentina, these losses represent approximately 2.6% of the kWh generated in the 132 kV network (Coselec, annual statistics 2005-2023, 2024).

The data used to model the construction of the line were taken from the Ecoment 3.8 database, calculated for Argentina based on the electricity transported via high voltage (133,328 GWh) over a distance of 53,360 km with a lifespan of 40 years, resulting in a value of 10E-08 km per kWh transported.

### 02 Infrastructure



This impact involves two significant aspects: the construction of the power line to the high-voltage grid and its subsequent dismantling. The distance from the transformer substation the Santa Cruz Norte station for the connection with Satec (Argentine Interconnection System) is 105 km, which is a pre-existing line to the park and shared by other users. This is a pre-existing line to the park and shared by other users.





## 2.3 Assumed conditions, omissions and exclusions

### 2.3.1 Assumed conditions

The following are the main assumptions that influence the environmental impact results of the Mårsta 1 Wind Farm:

- ❖ The lifespan of the wind farm is estimated at 25 years. This applies to all components of the park, except for the steel towers and their foundations, for which a lifespan of 50 years was considered. All components related to cabling and the transformer substation were considered to have a 25-year lifespan, although they may have a longer useful life. Vestas Wind Systems A/S is aware that its turbines may last longer than the period considered; some turbines reach 30 years or more, which could affect the results and was considered in the sensitivity analysis developed.
- ❖ For transportation associated with end-of-life waste to the recycling operator, a distance of 114 km is assumed.
- ❖ For transportation associated with end-of-life waste to landfill disposal, a distance of 100 km is assumed.
- ❖ For inspection vehicle transportation, a weight of 550 kg was assumed.
- ❖ For crane transportation, a weight of 550 tons was assumed.

❖ SF<sub>6</sub> is a potent greenhouse gas present in the transformer substation as an electrical insulator for switches. Under normal operation, it can release 51% w/w of SF<sub>6</sub> per year (Vestas, 2007). At the end of the wind farm's life cycle, the gas is collected and recovered for reuse; it is assumed that 95% of the gas can be recovered while 5% is released into the atmosphere.

❖ Although primary data on crane working hours for dismantling the wind turbines is available, bibliographic information on demolition detailed in the core infrastructure was chosen for being a more conservative estimate. This approach generated 62% more environmental impact in the Climate Change category.

❖ Regarding emissions or consumption derived from biogenic sources, the storage of biogenic carbon is not permitted when calculating the results of the draft biogenic parameter. Instead, a virtual emission of biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> is added during the final life stage to balance absorption and emission.



## 2.3.2 Cut-off criteria

All elements from which information was obtained have been included. However, given the complexity of the system and the amount of information required, the following (3) cut-off rules were applied:



- 01 The sum of all material flows excluded from the analysis is less than 1% of the total material flows: entities related to small parts.
- 02 The sum of all energy flows excluded from the analysis is less than 1% of the total energy flows.
- 03 If a flow meets the exclusion criteria but has environmental relevance (i.e. the environmental impact of that flow exceeded 1% of the total environmental impact for that category), it was included.

## 2.4 Environmental profile

The estimated impact results are only relative statements, which do not indicate the endpoints of the impact categories, exceeding threshold values, safety margins, and/or risks.

The CIs are based on version 3.1 of the reference package for CIs used in the PIP framework (IP 3.1). The results have been divided into different stages, as described in the previous sections. The IPD verifier had detailed access to the life cycle assessment information supporting this statement. It is important to remember that the functional unit to which all values in the tables refer is: **1 kWh of energy generated at the Pilitsi 1 wind farm, distributed to a 110 kV high voltage grid.**

### RESULTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

IMPACT CATEGORY INDICATORS									
EG: 1 kWh net of electricity generated and distributed			Upstream	Core	Core	Total Generated	Downstream	Downstream	Total Distributed
Parameter		Unit	Process [G]	Process [C]	Infrastructure [C]		Process [G]	Infrastructure [G]	
Global Warming Potential (GWP)	Fossil	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	3.89E-06	4.79E-06	4.79E-03	5.25E-03	2.09E-06	1.23E-03	5.89E-03
	Biogenic	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	4.99E-06	4.99E-06	1.98E-04	1.23E-06	4.99E-06	3.73E-06	1.32E-06
	Land use and land transformation	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	11.4E-06	9.26E-06	9.3E-06	1.69E-06	9.79E-07	2.75E-06	5.61E-06
	Total	kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq.	9.89E-06	9.83E-06	4.86E-03	6.45E-03	7.08E-06	5.25E-03	5.86E-03
Acid Equivalency Potential (AEP)		kg HCl eq.	1.02E-06	1.62E-06	7.18E-03	8.27E-03	3.09E-06	9.62E-06	9.32E-03
Global Acidification Potential (GAP)		mol H <sup>+</sup> eq.	3.25E-07	1.69E-06	4.23E-06	4.23E-06	1.72E-06	8.39E-06	9.42E-06
Eutrophication Potential (EP)	Aquatic freshwater	kg P eq.	1.02E-06	3.89E-06	9.39E-07	9.79E-07	3.82E-06	4.17E-07	1.69E-06
	Aquatic marine	kg N eq.	4.49E-06	3.89E-07	1.69E-06	1.62E-06	9.99E-07	1.62E-06	1.79E-06
	Aquatic terrestrial	mol N eq.	4.39E-07	4.89E-06	1.62E-06	1.67E-06	9.82E-06	1.79E-06	1.85E-06
Photochemical oxidant creation potential (POCP)		kg formaldehyde eq.	4.99E-07	1.99E-06	4.97E-06	4.79E-06	1.99E-06	9.26E-06	9.49E-06
Eutrophication Potential (EP)	Marine and estuarine**	kg N eq.	9.26E-06	3.89E-06	7.09E-06	7.49E-06	3.82E-06	9.26E-06	9.29E-07
	Freshwater**	kg N eq.	1.23E-03	9.47E-03	9.26E-03	7.09E-03	3.79E-03	1.23E-03	9.49E-03
Water depletion Potential (WDP)**		m <sup>3</sup> freshwater depleted	1.99E-06	3.82E-04	2.99E-03	2.99E-03	9.99E-06	3.49E-04	3.99E-03

Table No. 6: Results of mandatory impact categories (Water Depletion)

\*\* Disclaimer: The results of this environmental impact indicator should be used with care as the uncertainties of these results are high as there is limited experience with the indicator.

## RESOURCE USE INDICATORS

USE OF RESOURCES									
PM 1 with net of electricity generated and distributed			Upstream	Core	Core	Total Generated	Downstream	Downstream	Total Distributed
Parameter		Unit	Process (GJ)	Operation (GJ)	Infrastructure (GJ)		Operation (GJ)	Infrastructure (GJ)	
Primary energy resources - Renewable	Uses as energy carrier	MJ, net electric value	1.88E+08	9.28E+04	1.88E+08	2.88E+03	1.02E+04	9.83E+04	9.83E+03
	Uses as raw materials	MJ, net electric value	3.17E+08	1.33E+06	8.77E+04	7.23E+04	2.82E+06	3.23E+04	9.27E+04
	<b>Total</b>	<b>MJ, net electric value</b>	<b>5.05E+08</b>	<b>9.42E+04</b>	<b>2.86E+03</b>	<b>2.88E+03</b>	<b>1.48E+04</b>	<b>9.79E+04</b>	<b>9.89E+03</b>
Primary energy resources - Non-Renewable	Uses as energy carrier	MJ, net electric value	3.68E+08	1.33E+07	9.83E+08	1.33E+06	4.87E+07	7.69E+06	3.82E+08
	Uses as raw materials	MJ, net electric value	1.23E+08	9.47E+03	7.08E+02	7.65E+02	3.08E+02	1.22E+02	9.23E+02
	<b>Total</b>	<b>MJ, net electric value</b>	<b>4.91E+08</b>	<b>9.47E+03</b>	<b>7.08E+02</b>	<b>7.65E+02</b>	<b>3.08E+02</b>	<b>1.22E+02</b>	<b>9.23E+02</b>

Table 1a. 5. Results of the use of primary resources (GWh/year) (1)

## ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INDICATORS

IMPACT CATEGORY INDICATORS									
PM 1 with net of electricity generated and distributed			Upstream	Core	Core	Total Generated	Downstream	Downstream	Total Distributed
Parameter		Unit	Process (GJ)	Process (GJ)	Infrastructure (GJ)		Process (GJ)	Infrastructure (GJ)	
Particulate matter emissions (PM <sub>10</sub> )		Gtonnes/tonnes	0.00E+00	1.78E+01	8.38E+02	8.38E+02	3.27E+01	9.69E+01	9.87E+02
Ionizing radiation, human health (H <sub>10</sub> ) <sup>1</sup>		mSv/GWh	4.75E+08	9.83E+08	3.84E+04	4.84E+04	1.73E+08	4.75E+08	9.88E+08
Ionizing radiation - infrastructure (H <sub>10</sub> -Inf) <sup>2</sup>		GWh	1.02E+00	9.38E+03	1.88E+01	1.88E+01	9.88E+03	4.03E+02	3.02E+01
Human toxicity, cancer effect (H <sub>10</sub> -C) <sup>3</sup>		GWh	2.88E+04	2.83E+03	1.88E+01	1.22E+01	4.75E+03	1.03E+02	1.68E+01
Human toxicity, non-cancer effect (H <sub>10</sub> -NC) <sup>4</sup>		GWh	7.47E+03	4.03E+02	1.78E+01	1.78E+01	9.68E+02	4.89E+01	3.32E+02
Land use related impacts/land quality (LQ) <sup>5</sup>		dimensionless	3.68E+04	9.37E+02	9.23E+02	1.98E+02	9.68E+03	1.87E+02	1.38E+01

Table 1a. 6. Results of additional impact categories (GWh/year) (1)

<sup>1</sup>This impact category primarily addresses the potential impacts of ionizing radiation on human health from the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to potential nuclear accidents or non-radiation exposure from radioactive waste disposal at underground facilities. The ionizing radiation potential of soil due to radon or some building materials, is also not necessarily this parameter.

<sup>2</sup>The value of this environmental impact indicator should be used with caution, as the uncertainties in these results are high in comparison with the indicator's limit.

## RESULTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Mandatory environmental information describing waste categories					
Results per TWh net of electricity distributed [%] - Boardmember I					
Environmental information describing waste categories	Unit	Upstream	Core	Downstream	Total
Household waste disposed (HWD)	kg	0.000+00	1.00E+06	0.000+00	1.00E+06
Non-household waste disposed (NHWD)	kg	0.000+00	1.00E+06	0.000+00	1.00E+06
Radioactive waste disposed (RWD)	kg	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00

Table for 8: Results of indicators describing waste for the Upstream and Downstream of Boardmember I

## RESULTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Mandatory environmental information describing output flows								
Results per TWh net of electricity distributed [%] - Boardmember I		Upstream	Core	Core	Total Generated	Downstream	Downstream	Total Distributed
Environmental information describing output flows	Unit	Process [G]	Process [G]	Infrastructure [G]		Process [G]	Infrastructure [G]	
Components for reuse (CRU)	kg	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00
Materials for recycling (MFR)	kg	0.000+00	1.00E+06	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00	1.00E+06	0.000+00
Materials for energy recovery (MER)	kg	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00	0.000+00

Table for 9: Results of indicators describing output flows from Boardmember I

## 2.5 Interpretation of the results and conclusions

In order to identify the aspects that are mainly causing the environmental impacts stated in the previous section, it is necessary to examine each phase of the entire life cycle from a holistic perspective.

### 2.5.1 Interpretation of results

The following are the main environmental impact categories calculated for the PIRATA Wind Farm:



**Global Warming Potential (kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq) - GWP-total:** The estimated total global warming potential resulted in an emission of 6,661-66 kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq to the atmosphere per functional unit. The most significant impact corresponds to the port's infrastructure stage, representing 71.0% of the GHG emissions of distributed energy. The downstream infrastructure contributed 16.0%, while the generation operation contributed only 1.0%.



**Ozone Depletion Potential (kg CFC11 eq) - ODP:** The ODP impact was 6.23E-10 kg CFC11 eq per functional unit. As in all cases, the most relevant emissions originated from the port infrastructure, contributing 79.0%, followed by emissions from the construction of the power line distribution (10.0%) and the core generation (1.0%).



**Acidification Potential (mol H<sup>+</sup> eq) - AP:** The estimated AP value was 6,428-66 mol H<sup>+</sup> eq, where the port construction was the **primary critical point** (76.0%), followed by emissions generated by the downstream infrastructure (25.0%).



**Eutrophication Potential - EP:** The eutrophication potential values were 1,658-66 kg P eq for EP-freshwater, 1,701-66 kg N eq for EP-marine, and 1,626-66 mol N eq for EP-terrestrial. In all three subcategories, emissions during port construction were the highest contributor. The EP-freshwater was affected by phosphorus emissions to water, generated by core infrastructure (30.6%) and downstream infrastructure (26.7%). The EP-marine was affected by nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emitted to water and air, also influenced by the construction of the wind farm (84.0%). In the EP-terrestrial, like the previous ones, the highest incidence corresponded to the construction of the wind farm (84.6%), followed by emissions from the construction and dismantling of power lines in transmission (8.0%).



**Tropospheric Ozone Formation Potential (kg NMVOC eq) - POCP:** The tropospheric ozone formation potential parameter is another impact that accounts for emissions to the atmosphere. The POCP was 5,691-66 kg NMVOC eq, contributing significantly to the construction and end of life of the wind farm with 89.0%.





**Abiotic Resource Depletion Potential - minerals and metals (kg Sb-eq) - ADPminerals/metals:** In the case of impacts related to resource consumption, ADPminerals/metals accounted for 1294-27 kg Sb-eq, where depleted resources from infrastructure accounted for 6497% and those from downstream infrastructure accounted for 488% of the impact. To a lesser extent, generation operation and transmission losses contributed 239% and 200%, respectively.



**Abiotic Resource Depletion Potential - fossil resources (MJ, net calorific value) - ADPfuel:** depleted resources resulted in 8548-226 MJ net calorific value, where resources from wind farm infrastructure depleted resources by 7327%, followed by resources depleted by downstream infrastructure (637%) and by generation and maintenance operations (790%).



**Water depletion potential (m³ global private eq.) - WDP:** the water depletion potential parameter, which includes the weighted water depletion consumption affected by the availability of the water resource at the location where the process occurs, represented 306-61m³ global private eq. with a significant contribution coming from the construction of the park (768%), being the main critical point. To a lesser extent (346%) the contribution from the construction of the downstream pipeline and 1273% from the core of the operation.



As for the total non-renewable indicator (TNR), it registered a value of  $9.33 \text{ E-02 MJ}$  distributed between the use of energy as raw materials (PERM) with a value of  $9.33 \text{ E-02 MJ}$  and the use as carriers (PERC) with a value of  $2.02 \text{ E-05 MJ}$ . The largest significant contribution to the PERM is made by infrastructure (75.8%), followed by downstream infrastructure (3.08%) and the generation process (7.15%). While for the PERC the wind farm infrastructure contributed 49.2% and downstream infrastructure 38.60%, generation contributed 0.95%.



### 3. ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

As part of the application for the development of the Rindis wind farm, numerous environmental studies have been carried out to inform the environmental impact assessment of the project.



the development of the project in a purely rural area means that there are virtually no potential receptors of potential impacts from the project. No dwellings near the wind turbines or third party activities that could be affected by the project were identified.



### 3.1 Biodiversity protection

We are committed to minimising our environmental impacts, preserving the environment and complying with all relevant environmental requirements.



In line with the care and preservation of the environment, during the field survey, five sampling sites were established to be subsequently used in the Environmental Monitoring Plan. At these sites, species were identified and biological indicators were developed as part of the flora baseline study.

Habitat restoration or forest recovery policies occur mainly in the construction stages, where the quarry and construction site areas are remediated and, if trees are removed, at least an equivalent amount of the same or another species is planted.

In all works related to the renewable-energy sector, we carry out an environmental baseline of wildlife and biodiversity, use of airspace, migratory birds, conservation status, abundance, richness, etc. Four monitoring activities are carried out per point, one at each station.



The implementation of wind energy as an alternative to other traditional energy generation options has clear benefits for the environment. However, the implementation of this type of installation must always be carried out with the utmost care to protect the biodiversity of the area. Following detailed studies of the project, the proposed route was modified several times to avoid or minimise the impact on high quality native vegetation and important wildlife habitats, as well as reducing the overall size of the project to reduce the impact on native vegetation.

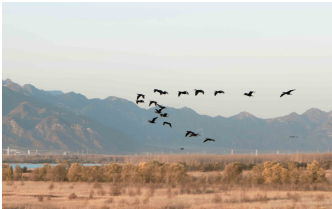


### Wildlife

Migratory birds are one group that could be affected by the presence of the wind farm. Taking into account the spaced arrangement of the equipment in the field, this situation is minimized. It is considered that migratory birds follow routes that they frequent regularly; however, from the information available and based on sources consulted (Asociación Ornitológica del Río), due to the lack of studies related to this subject, it is not possible to affirm the existence of migratory routes in the project area. The migratory routes of birds in Argentina are extensive. Another type of bird that may be affected are birds of prey, as collisions may occur if there are feeding points (carrion and/or dead animals) at the bases of the wind turbines. Finally, due to the presence of a marshland in the project area, consideration should be given to the potential impact on birds that, due to their feeding and/or nesting habits, use this sector and collide with part of the equipment during their ascent/descent. According to the baseline study of fauna in the IIA, no species with conservation risk status were identified in the project area.

### Flora

According to the flora baseline study, no species with conservation risk status were identified in the project area.



## 3.2 Land use

Land use/land quality - SQP: the value was 1.34 E-01 with the energy generated accounting for 85.03% of the impact and the rest (14.97%) corresponding to transmission.

The land area occupied by the 36 wind turbines of the wind farm is approximately 76,540 m<sup>2</sup>, which will be mainly occupied for 26 years by foundations, turbines and manoeuvring areas. The areas affected by the construction of the wind farm were mainly pasture areas.



## 3.3 Environmental Risk Assessment

An environmental risk assessment was conducted to identify potential risks and their impacts, particularly those activities that, if not properly managed, could cause significant or long-term damage. The most likely risks during construction and operation activities are hydrocarbon spills; however, both transformers and wind turbines are equipped with containment systems and alert sensors.

→ Other identified risks include the occurrence of fires, both in installations and in open fields, which may result in soil degradation due to the loss of vegetation cover, thereby promoting erosion and the disappearance or alteration of wildlife habitats. The wind farm is equipped with detection methods and corrective actions.

## 3.4 Electromagnetic fields

The results of simulations and calculations carried out indicate that all environmental parameters analyzed for the 133 kV High Voltage Transmission Line (LHT), as adopted according to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the Pólvora 1 Wind Farm, comply with the requirements established by Resolution 70/98 of the Secretariat of Energy.

## 3.5 Noise

The main sources of noise during the operation stage of the project correspond to the noise generated by the wind turbines.

The noise propagation calculations have been carried out with the **NOISE1** module of the **WindPRO 161502** software, using the methodology established by **ISO standard (ISO 9613-2)**.

The noise generated in the different stages of the park's life cycle is detailed below:

### Construction

01

Construction activities, such as the building of foundations and bases, cable installation, machinery operation, traffic movements, and turbine assembly, generally cause temporary increases in local noise levels. These disturbances during the construction phase are expected to be sporadic and discontinuous within the immediate vicinity of the project area. Its disturbance to the population of Tres Picos is anticipated.

### Operation

02

During the operation stage, mechanical and aerodynamic noise will be generated as a result of the operation of the wind turbines, which are evaluated in accordance with **ISO 9613-2** standard to determine whether or not they qualify as noise nuisance to the environment. The sources of mechanical noise will be the gearbox, the transmission shafts and the wind turbine generator. The sources of aerodynamic noise will be the wind flow over the blades. This collision of the wind with the smooth surface of the rotor blades is called white noise. The simulations carried out in the theoretical study (**ISO 9613-2**, considering the wind speed in a westerly

direction at 8 m/s) determined that the **45 dB(A)** isophone was practically maintained within the wind farm site and that with the use of the **12% (serrated trailing edge)** noise reduction technology, the town of Tres Picos was not reached by the noise from the wind turbines. For this reason, this impact was considered to be neutral. In addition, compared with the baseline noise nuisance to the neighbourhood, it has been determined that there will be no impact on the population, especially because there are no settlements near the wind farm.

### Dismantling

03

Noise generation in the abandonment stage is similar to that of the construction stage.

## 3.6 Visual impact

The impact on the local population through flickering indicated that, in the operation stage, the wind turbines as well as the rest of the tail structures will cast a shadow on the neighbouring areas when the sun is clear.

The area is not located within a mountainous setting, which is considered to be a more sensitive landscape. The wind turbines will be visible because there are no natural visual obstructions in the surrounding area. However, from distant distances, the stylised shape of the wind turbines contributes to blending into the landscape, partially mitigating the visual impact on the skyline.

The shadow modelling carried out showed that the project had no shadow and flickering impact nearby, as it is not reached by the 0 (zero) hours/year (no shadows) iseline.

The visual impact of wind farms is directly proportional to the number of wind turbines, their size (tower height, blade length) and the distance of the colour of the cladding from the colour range of

The wind turbines will be visible because there are no natural visual obstructions in the surrounding area. However, from distant distances, the stylised shape of the wind turbines contributes to blending into the landscape, partially mitigating the visual impact on the skyline. The simplicity of the layout pattern of the wind turbines makes them easily perceived as an orderly arrangement, which may or may not appeal to the observer. To this, other elements of the wind farm, such as ancillary buildings and internal roadways, must be added.



The beaconing is required as a way to make the wind turbines visible, according to the type and quantity required by the NMAC (National Civil Aviation Association). On the other hand, nearby populations can see these flashing lights at night, although this is not the case due to the distances to the nearest population centres.

The reflection and flashes produced by a wind turbine are due to the incidence of sunlight on the blades. As a way of quantifying this, the colour of the rotor and the distance to the nearest urban settlements are considered. To minimise this effect, anti-reflection paints are used on the equipment and distances of more than 0 times the rotor diameter from settlements.

The shadow cast by the tail structures can potentially affect motorists and/or casual passers-by, as the rotor blades intermittently cut off sunlight, generating a flicker known as shadow flicker. While these shadow flickers are harmless in terms of health and safety, they can be annoying in certain circumstances. This effect is mitigated by low rotation rates on three-bladed wind turbines and remoteness from population centres and/or external roads.

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