## True Value DolWin2



This is one of our most recent offshore projects taken into operation. This offshore converter platform connects renewable energy from wind farms through a 135 km long cable to the onshore grid. The development of these offshore projects is essential to realise climate ambitions. Construction of this platform started in 2012 and with a transport capacity of 916 MW, DolWin2 has the potential to supply more than one million households with clean energy per year.

As we aim to invest a significant amount to expand and maintain our grid, we are aware that our impact goes beyond the financial 'bottom line'. Our assets, have both positive and negative impacts for society. To gain more insights of these impacts, we have monetised environmental, social and economical factors related to DolWin2. Our case study has focused on specific steps in the value chain, from raw material extraction to the operation phase of this project.

We realise that this case study is a part of the first steps we are taking to gain insights on the True Value of our operations. In recent years, we have performed similar pilot projects for our onshore operations. That is why we have chosen an offshore project for this year's case study. We aimed to collect data for the most material impacts of each phase of DolWin2 and monetise these impacts with a Euro value, to have one common denominator at the end of this case study.

The results of this case study show that the main impact of DolWin2 is environmental. Negative environmental impacts are mainly related to material extraction and constructing the platform. However, by realising this project, we are able to avoid carbon emissions that otherwise would have been emitted by less sustainable sources such as coal plants. This case study shows that next to the economical costs and benefits, the true value of this project lies in the environmental impact this project has for society,



We acknowledge that impact reporting is still an area that is under development. That is why we work together with other companies in the Dutch infrastructure sector and MVO Nederland in the 'Groene Netten' coalition to take next steps and create a common language. This will help our stakeholders gain more insight into the impacts we as companies in this sector have. It can also help us internally in our decision-making process. More details on this case study can be found on our website.