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### **Statement of FGW Technical Committee for Wind Potential about site inspections**

Dear Sir or Madam

The Technical Committee Wind Potential has passed the following resolution regarding the site inspections required by FGW Technical Guideline Part 6 (TG6).

In principle, a TG6-compliant report for onshore wind farms or turbines cannot do without a site inspection by the responsible expert. If this is not carried out, the preparation of a TG6-compliant report is not possible and the report must be marked accordingly (as a preliminary assessment or similar). In particular, it is not sufficient if the site inspection is carried out by the client or a second expert.

In the case of recalculations or additions to existing reports, changes in the respective site environment (including the configuration of neighboring wind farms, for example) are to be assumed after the expiration of 2 years since the last site inspection. Therefore, the site shall be re-examined. If this recommended period of 2 years is exceeded, it must be justified with evidence that no changes have taken place at the planned site (such as changing in land use, addition or removal of wind turbines) within the period since the last site inspection. Nevertheless, this must be indicated as a deviation in the expert report. The deviation is to be evaluated in the uncertainty assessment.

However, the renewed site inspection of reference sites is only necessary if new yield or measurement data (compared to the last calculation) from the reference sites are included by the expert.

In order to still be able to prepare a TG6-compliant expert report in the presence of long-lasting travel restrictions such as the Covid-19 pandemic, the FGW recommends indicating in the comments on the deviations of the report that a current site visit is not possible due to applicable restrictions. Only in this case can labeling the report as a "preliminary assessment" be waived. It is imperative that the site inspection be made up for after the travel restrictions have been removed. If information is obtained that makes a revision of the report necessary, this must be implemented immediately.

On behalf of FGW TC

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