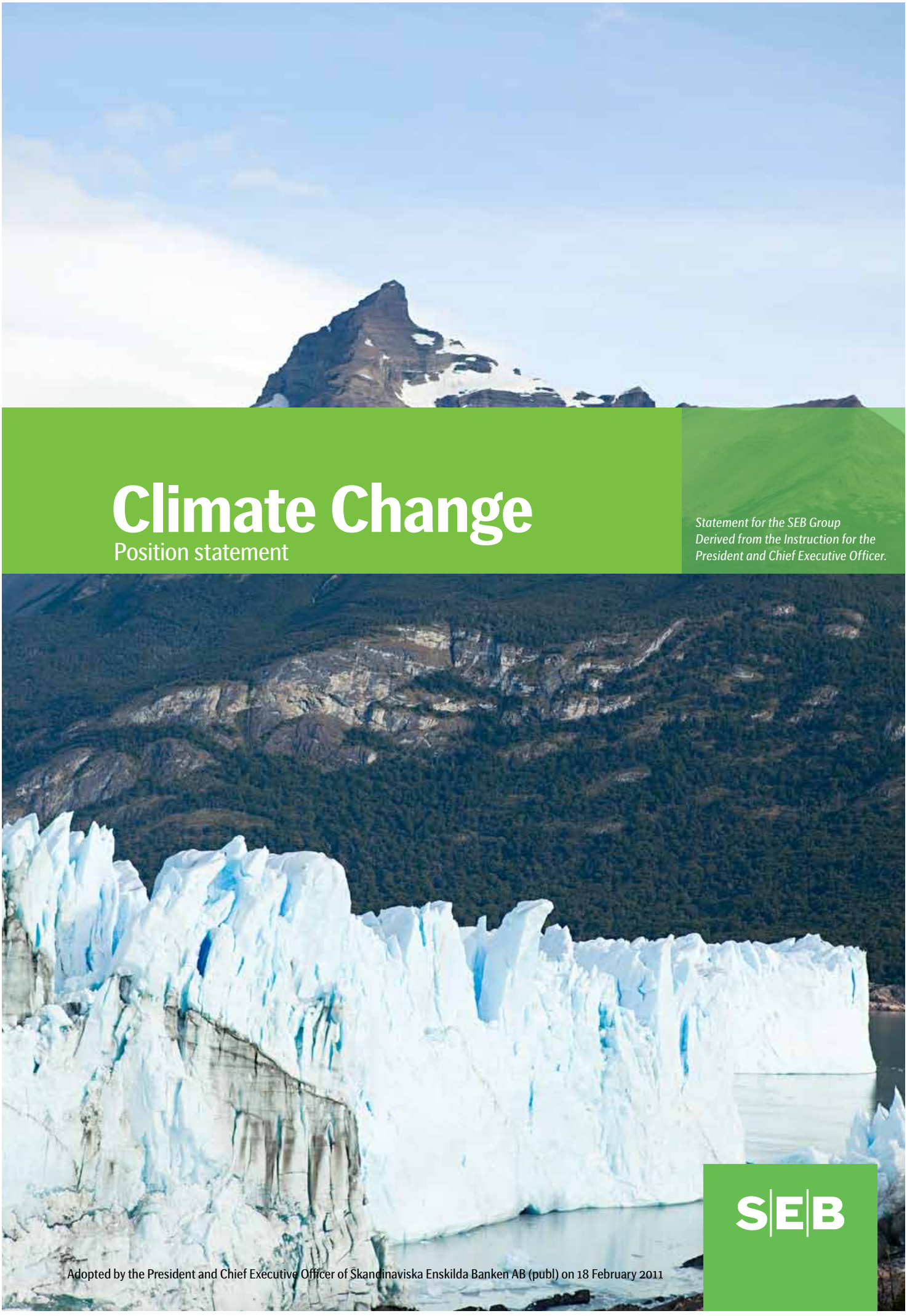

Climate Change

Position statement

Statement for the SEB Group
Derived from the Instruction for the President and Chief Executive Officer.

Adopted by the President and Chief Executive Officer of Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) on 18 February 2011

SEB

Preamble

a) About SEB

SEB is a leading Nordic financial services group, offering a wide range of financial services to private, corporate and institutional customers in eight countries in Northern Europe. The international nature of our business is reflected in a presence in 20 countries worldwide. In total, SEB has 17,000 employees.

Through its business activities, SEB has an impact in many countries and local communities. Banks, in general, play an important role in society, by providing credit and managing financial assets in ways that promote economic growth and prosperity. SEB's vision is to be the trusted partner for customers with aspirations. Responsible corporate behaviour is a means to remain successful in a changing global environment.

b) SEB and Corporate Sustainability (CS)

At SEB, sustainable development means building a sustainable business as a bank and financial institution: supporting customers and employees, creating long-term value for our shareholders, contributing to the economy as a whole and being a force for good in the communities in which we live and work.

By running a business which takes responsibility for the environment, makes a social contribution and shows good corporate governance and ethical behaviour, we contribute to a sound and sustainable economic development.

Our efforts are guided by international initiatives and codes of conduct, including the UN Global Compact and the UN Principles for Responsible Investments (PRI). SEB is also a signatory of the Equator Principles and The United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI).

c) Purpose with Sector policies and Position statements

We aim to support sustainable business practices for the long term and believe that by improving our own work, as well as encouraging the progress of others, real and lasting change can be achieved.

Addressing the environmental, social and governance aspects of doing business involves managing both risk and opportunity. As a guide for managing sustainability issues at SEB, we have developed position statements and policies for certain industry sectors.

The purpose of these policies and statements is to establish a common framework for a proactive and future-oriented dialogue with the clients and portfolio companies we work with, focusing on business opportunities and risk reduction.

d) Scope and external guidance

The sector policies and position statements are applicable in all markets where SEB operates and include banking services such as financing and advisory work. SEB's Wealth Management division is a signatory to the UN PRI, and is thereby committed to integrating sustainability aspects in its activities. SEB's sector polices and position statements will further influence this process.

SEB's sector polices and position statements provide guidelines on best practice as well as on the international conventions and standards that we encourage companies to follow. We aim to work with our clients and portfolio companies towards improved business practices. This will be a step-by-step process.

By remaining engaged with clients and portfolio companies, we believe we can make a bigger contribution than by exiting relationships if we find that they do not live up to our recommended approach. In such cases, our preference will be to support clients and portfolio companies to make satisfactory progress along a credible, transparent and time-bound implementation plan. Ultimately, SEB has the option, over time, to terminate the relationship with any client not progressing in line with the suggested plan.

e) Existing policies and position statements

We have initially selected issues and sectors where there are great potential of environmental and social aspects to be considered and which are of relevance to our business.

As of February 18, 2011, the following sector policies have been adopted: Arms and Defence, Mining and Metals, Shipping, Forestry, Fossil Fuels and Renewable Energy.

As of February 18, 2011, the following position statements have been adopted: Climate Change, Freshwater and Child Labour.

f) Engagement and feedback

We welcome comments and feedback on our approach to sector policies and position statements. Any feedback could be directed to SEB's Group Corporate Sustainability office at cs@seb.se.

In addition, please also visit:
SEB's corporate website
To find out more on our approach to Corporate Sustainability, for our full Sustainability Reporting, our facts & figures; www.sebgroup.com/sustainability

SEB Sustainable Perspectives
Our dedicated social media site with our Sustainability Academy and QUIZ, stories and best practices through which you can learn more about corporate sustainability in general and at SEB in particular; www.sebgroup.com/sustainableperspectives

Position statement – Climate Change

Introduction

The effects of climate change are becoming increasingly apparent and are one of the greatest environmental challenges facing the world today, threatening to change the ecosystems. Since the publication of IPCC's Fourth assessment report in 2007[1], the scientific evidence points to an increasing risk of serious, irreversible impact from climate change if substantial action is not taken. Forceful measures to reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, such as using resources more efficiently and developing alternative energy sources, have to be taken.

SEB fully appreciates the risks of climate change and is addressing the risks in our corporate sustainability efforts. SEB has taken several steps to mitigate our direct impact on the climate – an environmental strategy has been implemented including targets on carbon dioxide reductions – and is continuously evolving our efforts. Hence, SEB recognises the importance of reporting our carbon emissions and participates in the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) to foster transparency.

The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions is of high priority and it is important for SEB to continuously identify appropriate and constructive ways to contribute to this development in our role as a financial intermediary. We have committed to reduce our CO_2 emissions by 45 per cent by 2015[2]. To further improve the performance of our activities, we have implemented a number of initiatives to assess and minimise our own corporate carbon footprint. These initiatives include:

- avoiding carbon-intensive activities where possible;
- reducing energy consumption and business travel;
- replacing energy from fossil fuels with renewable energy; and
- offsetting our remaining CO_2 emissions.

Purpose

The purpose of this position statement is to form the basis for dialogue with clients, portfolio companies and our stakeholders as well as clarify our ambition and action to improve our own carbon footprint. We recognise that by promoting climate change management best practice among clients and portfolio companies, we can positively impact the situation of many.

Participation

SEB is implementing actions to reduce its own carbon emissions. We are also a signatory to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP)[3].

As well as SEB's own ambition to positively contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, we work with our clients and portfolio companies to ensure, as far as possible, that they are aware of the risks and business opportunities related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. SEB continuously strives for sustainability by minimising the carbon footprint from our financial services in dialogue with our clients and portfolio companies. The sustainability efforts are manifested by various guiding principles within SEB where we:

- acknowledge the role as financial intermediary and its potential impact on climate change and climate change mitigation;
- contribute to financing environmentally friendly projects, and develop financial products and services that contribute to sustainable actions;
- strive to identify and mitigate the exposure to risk related to climate change; and
- influence our clients and portfolio companies to have appropriate environmental management systems and climate change policies of sufficient quality.

1) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; www.ipcc.ch

2) Compared to baseline 2008

3) The CDP is an independent not-for-profit organisation. Thousands of organisations from across the world's major economies measure and disclose their greenhouse gas emissions and climate change strategies through CDP. www.cdproject.net