

Afghanistan

Project title:	Developing the Afghan infrastructure
Location:	Kabul
Sector:	Logistics
Applicant:	B&S B.V., The Netherlands
Local partner:	Kopcke Global Ltd., Afghanistan
Start project:	1 July 2010
End project:	30 June 2012
Total budget:	EUR 1,500,000 (50 percent PSI contribution)

Project summary:

The objective of this project is to construct a modern and environmentally friendly energy saving logistics platform in Kabul. During this project a total of 1.500 m² of chilled and frozen storage facility will be constructed and 1.000 m² of dry storage.

Cold storage facilities are not available in Afghanistan. Local products are mostly bought from neighbouring countries and transported via road or cargo into Afghanistan. The Afghan agricultural sector does not benefit from the increasing number of international organisations and peacekeeping forces because most of the goods they consume are imported. If cold storage facilities will be available, potatoes and fruits can also be sources locally and stored before distributed.

30 jobs will be created directly. In the spin-off phase 74 additional jobs will be created. All the personnel working in and around this logistic facility will be trained thoroughly by the applicant.

Special attention will be given to Corporate Social Responsibility and the working conditions of the employees. The Partners will also respect international standards regarding hygiene and the environment.