

Press release

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*First BREEAM-NL Outstanding Certificates issued in the Netherlands*

## Large amount of projects rewarded with sustainability certificate during Dutch Green Building Week

**For the first time in the Netherlands the design of two newly built projects is rewarded with a BREEAM-NL Outstanding certificate. This concerns a new office for Deloitte and AKD, which was developed by OVG Real Estate, and a new production plant for Lely Industries in Maassluis. Dutch Green Building director Stefan van Uffelen gave the certificates on September the 17<sup>th</sup> during the official opening of the Dutch Green Building Week in the RAI in Amsterdam. The project of OVG is also one of the biggest (40.000m<sup>2</sup>) projects in the world which up till now received an Outstanding assessment.**

Besides the certificates for newly built projects, Van Uffelen also handed over certificates for several BREEAM-NL In Use projects (for existing buildings): one for the main office of ABN AMRO at the Gustav Mahlerlaan in Amsterdam, and several to property developer Redevco, for multiple C&A stores in the Netherlands.

At the end of the Dutch Green Building Week, on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>, CBRE Global Investors will also receive BREEAM-NL In Use-certificates for several shopping centres.

### **Week opened by His Royal Highness the Prince of Orange**

Under the watchfull eye of HRH Willem-Alexander the CEO's of the diverse rewarded organisations received there certificate. Afterwards, the Prince opened the week officialy with a gong beat.

### **Reactions CEO's**

CEO Alexander van der Lely emphasizes as a reaction to the handing over of the BREEAM-NL Outstanding certificate that agricultural entrepreneurship and the concern for the environment are strongly connected: "For For dozens of years the development of products with a long lifespan in combination with a low energy consumption played a central role at Lely. But there's more at stake, for which we take our responsibility. Our focus is on the extension of our products, connected with our goal to stimulate dairy farmers to operate energy-neutral. For us it is therefore self-evident to apply durability in our new building."

The head office of ABN AMRO is the first project in the Netherlands that has received a certification on all three parts of BREEAM-NL In Use. On Asset the project scores 'very good', on Management also 'very good' and on Use 'good'. Since 2010 – the year that the new ABN AMRO was established – the bank has been making its buildings ever more sustainable. Frans van der Horst, senior managing director responsible for real estate management: "Being awarded the BREEAM-NL In-USE certificate for our head office at Gustav Mahlerlaan in Amsterdam is valuable recognition of our efforts. After all, we're talking about the world's foremost environmental assessment method for buildings. Acknowledgement like this motivates us to press ahead with our strategy!"

Durability is an import key value in the strategy of Redevco. Quality and long term investment play a central role in our way of thinking. Redevco wants her buildings to be and to remain good, within the demands of our time, which alter continuous. On the basis of this strategy, and as one of the founders and active members of the Dutch Green Building Council (DGBC), Redevco Nederland is very content that we're one of the first parties which receives five BREEAM-In Use certificates for its retail buildings. These certificates concern C&A-stores in Alkmaar, Almere, Amstelveen, Leiden and Tilburg. Clemens Brenninkmeijer, Managing Director van Redevco Nederland: "We look at the assessment of these certificates as an acknowledgement for our efforts in the area of sustainability . They are a big stimulant and we thank C&A for its co-operation."

### **Overview of all mentioned certificates**

<b>Soort Certificaat</b>	<b>Projectontwikkelaar</b>	<b>Opdrachtgever</b>
BREEAM-NL Nieuwbouw – score Outstanding	OVG Real Estate	Deloitte/AKD
BREEAM-NL Nieuwbouw – score Outstanding	Lely Groep Maassluis	Lely Groep Maassluis
BREEAM-NL In Use – score variërend van good tot very good		Redevco Nederland
BREEAM-NL In Use – asset: very good beheer: very good gebruik: good		ABN AMRO
BREEAM-NL In Use – score nog niet bekend bij het publiceren van dit bericht		CBRE Global Investors

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