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MAVA AES and Witteveen+Bos combine forces

Belgian environmental consultancy MAVA AES N.V. has embarked on a new phase of its operations. The company became part of consultancy and engineering firm Witteveen+Bos N.V. on 27 May 2015. By combining their forces the two agencies expect to be better placed to leverage market opportunities in Belgium and beyond. Technical expertise will be brought together to offer clients multidisciplinary solutions that help them address complex challenges facing them. All shares in MAVA AES will transfer to the Witteveen+Bos group. However, MAVA AES will continue to operate under its present brand name.

MAVA AES (Assured Environmental Solutions) is an environmental consultancy of Belgian origin, established in 1990. Over the years it has expanded its activities in the soil, permits and spatial planning fields and developed its own measurement technology (EniSSA). The inspirational leadership of Nora Vanderheijden and Mark van Straaten has elevated MAVA to a specialised agency that now employs 47 people. To create new opportunities for the years ahead, MAVA has teamed up with Witteveen+Bos Belgium N.V., with which it had already cooperated in various contracts in the recent past.

Both agencies are highly knowledge-driven and quality-driven and have a family-like open corporate culture. Mark van Straaten, Managing Director of MAVA, is proud of the new partnership. 'We were ready for the next step with new possibilities for enlarging our activities, both in terms of services and geographically', he said. 'Witteveen+Bos is a leading agency with top-flight expertise across a wider field. We are highly complementary in relation to our clients (public and private) and in relation to our activities. This will yield new opportunities.'

For several reasons Witteveen+Bos Belgium sees significant added value in teaming up with MAVA. Since 2009 Witteveen+Bos has built up a solid business footing in Belgium, where it now has a staff of 19. The agency is working on iconic projects like the Oosterweel Link that will complete the Antwerp Ring Road. Stefan De Roos, Managing Director of Witteveen+Bos Belgium, said: 'MAVA is a specialist in environmental matters and local spatial planning. Expertise of this kind complements our own expertise and together this makes us a strong multidisciplinary team. I'm looking forward to our collaboration in projects. Human capital lies at the heart of MAVA and the same goes for Witteveen+Bos: engineering is people's work'.

The managements of the two agencies envisage an organic merger in the coming years, with the new situation also opening up attractive opportunities for onward growth and employee development. The current management of MAVA will remain actively involved in the business.

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