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**Marcel Ruesink appointed as new Managing Director of VdS Nederland B.V.**

**Change of leadership at VdS in the Netherlands: as of the 1st of January 2023, Marcel Ruesink has taken over the baton from Hans de Jong, who has shaped VdS Nederland B.V. into an economically successful, independent company over the past years.**

*Cologne, April 12th, 2023.* Marcel Ruesink has been Managing Director of VdS Nederland BV since the 1st of January 2023. The company operates as an independent company and is part of VdS Schadenverhütung GmbH, one of the world's leading institutions in the field of corporate safety and security. Marcel Ruesink's declared goal is to continue the successful course of VdS Nederland and to tailor the range of services even more closely to the requirements and needs of the Dutch VdS clients by significantly increasing efficiency.

Marcel Ruesink's fire prevention and protection expertise is based on more than 20 years of experience in the fire prevention and protection industry. During his professional career, the graduate engineer has held various management positions and most recently worked as Director of Business Development and Director of Global Accounts. Marcel Ruesink is also involved in various industry associations. These include, for example, the VIVB and the NEN standards committee for fire prevention and protection, through which he represents the Netherlands in the various CEN TC191 technical committees.

In handing over the reins of office, Dr. Robert Reinermann, spokesman of the VdS Board of Management, thanked predecessor Hans de Jong for his many years of commitment in transforming VdS Nederland into an operationally independent company and developing it into a leading company on the Dutch market by continuously expanding its fire prevention and protection expertise.

"Today, VdS Nederland has a strong and highly qualified team with which we offer our clients a comprehensive portfolio in on-site fire prevention and protection testing. Our core business in the Dutch market includes the inspection of fixed installations as well as the re-testing of fire prevention and protection products such as sprinklers, pipes and fire alarm technology, which we carry out in our accredited VdS Laboratories in Cologne. I wish Marcel Ruesink every success for the tasks ahead and I am pleased that Hans de Jong will continue to support us in an advisory capacity for one project or another in the future," said Dr. Robert Reinermann.

An important step towards establishing the VdS offer in the Netherlands was the accreditation of VdS Nederland by the Dutch Accreditation Council in accordance with NEN EN 17020 Type A. The scope of the accreditation thereby comprises the following regulations and requirements.

* CCV inspection scheme VBB systems Sprinkler, foam, extinguishing gas, water mist and smoke protection systems (RBI)
* CCV inspection scheme BMI/OAI fire alarm and evacuation systems
* PGS inspections of sprinkler, water spray, extinguishing foam and extinguishing gas systems including the safety equipment as well as the (fire) detection systems and the structural and organisational requirements
* Conformity to standards (own method)

**Caption: Marcel Ruesink (left) has taken over the baton at VdS in the Netherlands from Hans de Jong (right).**

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Services include risk assessments, testing and certification, inspections, information systems for natural hazards and an extensive training program. In addition, the independent institute sets international safety and security standards with the publication of a comprehensive set of Guidelines.

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