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# **PRESS RELEASE**

### Wim Biesemans new CEO DEME Concessions

ZWIJNDRECHT – Wim Biesemans joins the Belgian dredging, environmental and marine engineering group DEME. Biesemans will join DEME's management team as CEO of DEME Concessions. He will oversee all concession activities related to infrastructure, renewable energy (offshore wind and wave and tidal energy) and marine resources.

Wim Biesemans is certainly no stranger to the renewable energy sector. As CEO of Parkwind he was actively involved in the development of the offshore wind farms Belwind, Northwind and recently also Nobelwind. Prior to that he worked as CFO at several retail companies, such as Colruyt and Lidl, and served as Senior Audit Manager at EY and Arthur Andersen.

Wim Biesemans, CEO DEME Concessions: "I have always been lucky enough to work for growing companies or on promising start-up projects. I love building strong teams that can grow together and that's exactly what I expect to do with DEME's entire entrepreneurial team. I like addressing challenges and making a difference."

**Alain Bernard, CEO DEME Group:** "With Wim Biesemans we welcome a strong team player who has the know-how and expertise to further strengthen the DEME Concessions department".

Over the next few months, Marc Maes will gradually hand over the DEME Concessions files to Wim Biesemans. DEME wishes Wim Biesemans every success as he embarks on this new challenge and thanks Marc Maes who transformed DEME Concessions into a key pillar of the DEME Group.

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### **About DEME**

The Belgian dredging, environmental and marine engineering group DEME has attained a prominent position in several extremely specialised and complex marine engineering disciplines worldwide. Having its core business in dredging operations and land reclamation, the group diversified into hydraulic projects at sea, services to oil and gas companies, the installation of offshore wind farms, environmental activities such as soil remediation and sediment recycling, and revalidation of brownfields and wreck clearance.

Its multi-disciplinary know-how and experience, project synergies and integrated business structure allowed DEME to grow into a global solutions provider. The Group owns one of the most modern, high-tech and versatile fleets for dredging and hydraulic engineering activities. DEME has 4,600 employees. In 2014, the group achieved a turnover of 2.59 billion euros.

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