

WDP INVESTS 25 MILLION EUROS IN SECOND PHASE OF SOLAR PANEL PROJECT IN THE NETHERLANDS

TOTAL PORTFOLIO MOVES TOWARDS 85 MWp

Second stage of solar panel project in the Netherlands adds 25 MWp, on top of the existing 25 MWp

As part of its strategy to boost portfolio sustainability, WDP plans to invest some 25 million euros in the second phase of its solar panel project in the Netherlands, launched back in 2015. The granting of SDE+ subsidies for this is complete. Following rollout with clients, between now and the end of 2018, this project will add a total of 25 MWp in additional capacity to the PV portfolio.

By the end of 2017, the roofs of WDP warehouses in the Netherlands will boast an additional 25 MWp of capacity, enough to power some 6,500 average European households. By doubling its green energy portfolio in the Netherlands, WDP will produce enough green energy to power an island like Texel (approx. 13,000 households). Along with the installations in Belgium and in Romania, WDP is moving towards 85 MWp of installed solar capacity in its portfolio. Over the medium-term, WDP will strive for a total PV portfolio of 100 MWp.

In this way, WDP seeks to further its ambition of achieving CO₂ neutrality over the medium-term, and offer existing and prospective clients a broader range of sustainable sites with even higher quality. As WDP is a market leader in logistics properties in the Benelux region, this project makes its contribution towards meeting the *2020 Targets for climate change and a sustainable energy supply*¹ in the Netherlands.

More green initiatives

"At WDP, we firmly believe that sustainability is a win-win-win," notes CEO Joost Uwents. "Good for our clients, for society and for WDP," he adds. As part of its sustainability efforts, WDP has hired a new Sustainability Manager, Frank Ceusters, to help support its clients' sustainability projects.

¹ The 2020 targets for sustainable growth, as formulated by the European Union, are: (i) by 2020, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% from 1990 levels, (ii) increase the share of renewable energy source to 20% of final end consumption, (iii) increase energy efficiency by 20%. In the Netherlands, in particular, the national government wants to increase the share of renewables to 14% in 2020.

Yet WDP's efforts are not directed solely towards its clientele. It has also taken a CO₂-neutral approach for the new offices at its headquarters in Wolveterm, currently under construction and slated to be fully operational by early 2018. In addition to the latest insulation techniques, the buildings will also use geothermal power for temperature control.



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WDP develops and invests in logistics property (warehouses and offices). WDP's property portfolio amounts to more than 3 million m². This international portfolio of semi-industrial and logistics buildings is spread over more than 160 sites at prime logistics locations for storage and distribution in Belgium, France, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Romania. More information about WDP can be found at www.wdp.eu.

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