

**JOOST J. KRAMER (29) HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS NEW MANAGER  
DEMINOR NEDERLAND****Joost J. Kramer (29) appointed as new manager of Deminor Nederland**

*Amsterdam, Tuesday 1 December 2009* – As from 1 December 2009, Mr Joost J. Kramer (29) has been appointed as new manager of Deminor Nederland. Joost Kramer is an experienced lawyer with an MSc in Management of the University of Nyenrode. He has been a lawyer for three years with Houthoff Buruma N.V. and consequently corporate counsel with Koninklijke Ahold N.V.

Joost Kramer will coordinate and develop different activities of Deminor in the Netherlands together with Bernard Thuysbaert, partner of Deminor International and director of Deminor Nederland.

Deminor has the ambition to further expand its activities and team in the Netherlands considering the increasing number of mandates regarding:

- (i) Advise on questions of shareholders of non-listed companies,
- (ii) Corporate governance research and engagement assistance of listed companies, and
- (iii) Collective damage claims of investors.

Mr Otto B. Linker (58), who was appointed in March as director ad interim and recently resigned, will keep supporting Deminor in the Netherlands as an ‘of counsel’ advisor.

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## **About Deminor Nederland**

Deminor Nederland is part of the group Deminor, founded in 1990. The group is fully independent and has offices in Amsterdam, Brussels, Geneva, Milan and Paris.

Its activities are subdivided as follows:

### **Corporate Finance Services**

Deminor provides advise and represents shareholders when questions arise about their share ownership, especially within non-listed companies or family businesses. Every mandate is defined on a tailor-made basis according to the wishes of the client.

Deminor's team offers combined legal and financial expertise. Shareholders' questions regarding family status, succession and management, as well as questions about valuation in case of sale or purchase of (minority) stakes and (re)capitalisation, will therefore benefit from a multidisciplinary approach.

### **Corporate Governance and Engagement Services**

Deminor provides advise to institutional investors regarding corporate governance and shareholders' rights. Sometimes, Deminor will be instructed to take action on behalf of its clients.

This will happen not only on an individual basis but also through the (Dutch) Foundation "the Governance Platform", an association of large Dutch institutional investors that act together regarding corporate governance policy and dialogue with some large Dutch and European companies. The strategy and execution of the engagement of the Governance Platform is boarded out to Deminor, who took also the initiative of the Governance Platform.

Besides, Deminor has set up the Deminor Active Governance Fund (DAGF) upon request of its institutional and private investors. Within the investment scope of the DAGF investment fund, the shareholders' engagement will be exclusively taken care of by Deminor.

### **Damage Recovery Services**

Deminor offers assistance when private or institutional investors suffer losses resulting from fraud, misrepresentation, mismanagement or any other specific cases (insufficient risk management, restructuring, etc.). This will happen after a sound analysis and most of the time, through a collective action for a group of investors.

Deminor intervenes in such actions in Europe (grouping of individual interests) but also in the U.S. (class actions), in association with specialised law firms. Recent examples hereof are our actions for Dutch investors in Fortis, Lehman Brothers and Madoff investment products.

### **About Joost J. Kramer**

Mr. drs. Joost J. Kramer (29) studied law at the University of Leiden. He also obtained an MSc in Management at the de University of Nyenrode. In the same time he was part-time teaching business administration at a private institute.

Until 2008 he was a lawyer with Houthoff Buruma N.V. in Amsterdam. Just before his appointment, he was Corporate Counsel, Group Legal with Koninklijke Ahold N.V. in Amsterdam.