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DSM appoints Margo Vliegthart to the Supervisory Board of DSM Netherlands

Royal DSM N.V. has appointed Mrs A.M. (Margo) Vliegthart as member of the Supervisory Board of DSM Nederland B.V. (“DSM Netherlands”) with effect from 1 August 2008. Mrs Vliegthart fills the vacancy caused by the untimely death of Mr M.A.M. (Thijs) Wöltgens earlier this year.

Mrs Vliegthart (50, Dutch nationality) was State Secretary for Health, Welfare and Sports from 1998 to 2002. She currently holds a variety of managerial and supervisory positions. Among other things, she is a Crown-appointed member of the Dutch Socio-Economic Council (SER), a member of the Financial Supervisory Board for the Netherlands Antilles and a member of the Supervisory Board of the PGGM pension fund. She is also a member of the Supervisory Board of Organon Biosciences Nederland B.V.

The Central Works Council of DSM Netherlands has made a positive recommendation regarding the appointment. The other two members of the Supervisory Board of DSM Netherlands are Mr Feike Sijbesma (chairman) and Mr Evert Rongen.

The appointment of Mrs Vliegthart also fits in with DSM’s aim of achieving greater diversity (including diversity in background and experience), not just across its workforce but also in management and in supervisory bodies.

“We are very pleased to be able to welcome Margo Vliegthart as member of the Supervisory Board,” says Feike Sijbesma, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of DSM Netherlands and Chairman of the Managing Board of Royal DSM N.V. “With her extensive experience in both political and supervisory positions she is eminently qualified to be a member of the Supervisory Board of DSM Netherlands.”

DSM Nederland B.V. is a full subsidiary of Royal DSM N.V. and focuses on supporting DSM's Dutch-based operations. This support includes the development and implementation of socio-economic policy (including labor relations, consultations with the trade unions and the works councils and safety, health and welfare policy) as well as public affairs, communications and for example the further development of the Chemelot site and the R&D Campus. DSM Netherlands employs more than 7,000 people.

DSM – the Life Sciences and Materials Sciences company

Royal DSM N.V. creates innovative products and services in Life Sciences and Materials Sciences that contribute to the quality of life. DSM's products and services are used globally in a wide range of markets and applications, supporting a healthier, more sustainable and enjoyable way of living. End markets include human and animal nutrition and health, personal care, pharmaceuticals, automotive, coatings and paint, electrics & electronics, life protection and housing. DSM has annual sales of almost EUR 8.8 billion and employs some 23,000 people worldwide. The company is headquartered in the Netherlands, with [locations](#) on five continents. DSM is listed on Euronext Amsterdam. More information: www.dsm.com.

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