

## **VanRiet Group to substantially expand head office and assembly plant**

New building to harmonise with local environment

Houten, 5 March 2015 – VanRiet Group, whose subsidiary companies provide intralogistics solutions for the tyre handling, parcel sorting and warehouse & distribution industries, is to significantly expand its head office. As well as increasing its office space, it will also extend capacity for the R&D department. The markets in which VanRiet operates are expanding, partly due to the growth of e-commerce, and it wants to continue to lead the field as a provider of solutions and product developments. Since the company feels at home in the municipality of Houten, which is centrally located in Netherlands, it now wants to refurbish its headquarters to give it the right image and appearance. The aim is for the building to tie in with the nautical name of the industrial terrain where the office is based.

The industrial estate itself is called “de Meerpaal” and VanRiet also owns residential properties on a street known as “het Kaagschip “. The estate is characterised by a series of stone buildings. Piet Bosma, CTO of VanRiet Group, explains: “VanRiet built its existing head office and assembly plant in 2010, in a distinctive stone. The new extension will be continued in the same style. It will add more than 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> to the existing assembly plant and create more room for the Service and Research & Development departments in particular.”

Sustainable elements such as LED lighting will also be incorporated into the new building. Finally, a suitable interpretation will be given to the name of the industrial estate (de Meerpaal), by creating a central eye-catcher inside the main entrance lobby depicting a ketch (Kaagschip) surrounded by mooring-posts.

Bosma added: “Although VanRiet Group also has outlets in Eastern Europe and Asia, we have decided for strategic reasons to continue developing solutions and managing quality assurance from the Netherlands. We’re therefore delighted to be constructing these new premises over the coming months.” The project is scheduled for completion by the end of the year, to enable us to realise our goals. Obviously the continued growth of the organisation means we have an ongoing need for high quality technical personnel. So if you’re looking for a job and would like to be part of an expanding company with a great corporate culture, contact us to find out what we can do for you. After all, a company like VanRiet can only grow through the quality of its people. Which is why we’re always on the lookout for strong employees who are solution-led and provide quality-based input. It’s also why we’re keen to stay in Houten,” Bosma adds.