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DUTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ADB-DUTCHCHAM ANNOUNCES WINNERS AT 6th WINSEMIUS AWARDS 2022

SINGAPORE, 20 MAY 2022 - ADB-DutchCham is proud to announce the winners of the Winsemius Awards 2022, celebrated on Thursday May 19th 2022 at the Ritz-Carlton Millenia hotel in Singapore. The Winsemius Awards represent the most prestigious form of recognition on Collaboration, Business Achievements, Innovation and Social Responsibility for companies who have Sustainability in the core of what they do.

The Winsemius Awards 2022 winners are:

➤ **Winsemius Community Impact Award**

The Community Impact Award recognizes and honors companies' commitment to positively impacting the Singaporean community with tangible results by creating significant financial, social or environmental value for the benefit of a community.

Arcadis is the leading global Design & Consultancy firm for natural and built assets. We provide integral consultancy, design, engineering and project management services that result in exceptional value and sustainable project outcomes. Our head office is in Amsterdam, where we established our business in 1868. Arcadis comprises 27,000 people who together generate €3.4 billion in revenue globally. Arcadis in Asia Pacific comprises 7,000 people and a network of 70 offices in major cities across the region. We run a strong business in Singapore building upon an established market position that dates back to 1934. Our people have greatly contributed to the development of Singapore and many of its iconic projects, and are keen to do much more. Arcadis. Improving quality of life.

Short summary of the winning case

Arcadis – Community Garden Program – WeGardens+

In early 2020, migrant workers in Singapore were badly affected by Covid-19 pandemic. The migrant workers faced a lot of challenges and hardship inclusive of movement and interaction restrictions. At this juncture, Arcadis had globally launched a COVID-19 Recovery Program to provide funding to support local communities in the recovery of COVID-19. Arcadis Singapore collaborated with the Covid 19 Migrant Worker Support Coalition (CMSC) and developed the WeGarden+ programme:

- Providing edible portable garden to migrant workers - aims to improve the mental health, nutrition, and wellbeing of dormitory residents.
- Engagement with migrant workers through social media - provide a platform to share their gardening skills and learn from local gardening communities.

- Piloting installation of solar panels in a dormitory - by introduce & demonstrate sustainable methods of dormitory operation.

Arcadis Singapore is providing funding and rendering project management services to delivering the WeGarden+ programme. To date, we have successfully set up edible gardens in 8 dormitories. As a result, our partner, CMSC plans to add 5 more dormitories for implementation of edible gardens. With the idea of solar panels, we hope that dorm operators will see the potential and will be inspired to adopt sustainable methods of dorm operation. Winning the Winsemius Community Impact Award 2022 motivates us to do more to improve the quality of life of communities around us.

Winning case video [here](#)

➤ **Winsemius Red-Orange Award**

The Red Orange Award highlights the importance of the long standing and ongoing relationship between The Netherlands and Singapore and celebrates businesses that create value by collaboration for both the Singaporean and Dutch business community.

Royal Vopak is the world's leading independent tank storage company. We store vital products with care. With over 400 years of history and a focus on sustainability, we ensure safe, clean and efficient storage and handling of bulk liquid products and gases for our customers. By doing so, we enable the delivery of products that are vital to our economy and daily lives, ranging from chemicals, oils, gases and LNG to biofuels and vegoils. We are developing key infrastructure solutions for the world's changing energy and feedstock systems, while simultaneously investing in digitalization and innovation. Vopak is listed on the Euronext Amsterdam and is headquartered in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.

Short summary of the winning case

Vopak has successfully prototyped and validated the use of a vanadium-based flow battery in its industrial facilities on Jurong Island, Singapore. Compared to conventional lead/li-ion batteries, vanadium-based flow battery has a longer lifespan, offers long-duration storage, and is non-flammable, making it suitable for industrial-scale applications. It also has better sustainability and circularity profile. The prototype battery setup combined with remote control and system monitoring, allows the system to be flexibly configured to serve a variety of energy load combinations and demands in a safe, controlled manner. This is a crucial solution to potentially enable the energy transition for existing industrial facilities and make the energy supply more reliable. Vopak is proud to be part of Singapore's innovative ecosystem and contribute to the development and refinement of such new technological solutions. This brings us one step closer to a sustainable future for existing industries.

Winning case video [here](#)

➤ **Winsemius Outstanding Business Achievement Award**

Celebrates the success of an organization and honors its business performance, longevity, development of a new direction, business growth and/or any significant innovations with tangible results and benefiting Dutch Business in Singapore especially in the recent trying times.

WEnergy Global is a proud winner of the 2022 Winsemius Award for Outstanding Business. The Award represents global recognition for pioneering a smart and renewable energy microgrid empowering rural communities with 24/7 electricity in the Philippines even through the twin

challenges of the Covid pandemic and Supertyphoon Rai.

Short summary of the winning case

With the Winsemius award, this further emboldens our drive to power change in Southeast Asia to meet the Sustainable Development Goals and connect over 100 million people who still have no access to clean, reliable, and affordable energy.

Winning case video [here](#)

The Winsemius Awards are named after Dutch economist Dr. Albert Winsemius, who was an important advisor to the late Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew from 1961 to 1984 and played a major role in shaping Singapore's national economic development strategy. Dr. Albert Winsemius and the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew developed close relations over the years, their friendship symbolizes the very close ties between Singapore and The Netherlands. The Winsemius Awards recognise and celebrate innovative and impactful achievements of businesses across all sectors.

Guests of Honour Minister Iswaran (via video message), Prof Dr. Pieter Winsemius - son of dr. Albert Winsemius - Her Excellency Mrs Margriet Vonno, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Singapore and Brunei and Professor Euston Quah honored the evening with their presence and handed the awards to the winners.

Prof. Dr. Pieter Winsemius was our Dutch Guest of Honor at the 2022 Winsemius Awards. A memorable guest for the entire Singaporean and Dutch business community, as Mr Pieter Winsemius' visit will **symbolize and strengthen the long-lasting bond and strong business ties between Singapore and the Netherlands.**

Professor Euston Quah handed out the Red Orange Award. Professor Euston Quah is the Albert Winsemius Chair Professor and Head of Economics at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. Professor Euston Quah wrote a book about Dr. Albert Winsemius: 'Albert Winsemius and Singapore, Here. It is Going To Happen' and this book will be launched and presented to Prof. Dr. Pieter Winsemius on 23 May.

In his video message Minister Iswaran reminded the audience of the important role dr. Albert Winsemius played in the development of Singapore and the need for continuous innovation. The Netherlands is Singapore's third largest trade partner in the EU. Mrs Marjolein Oyen - Driesens, President of ADB-DutchCham, elaborated in her speech that "Tonight, it is all about celebrating the strong ties and long-lasting relationship between the Netherlands and Singapore and recognizing some impactful achievements of businesses across all sectors. But we are also here, together to connect and strengthen our foundation for the future".

About ADB-DutchCham: [ADB-DutchCham](#) the Dutch Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, is a recognized organisation that **connects** the Dutch Business Community in Singapore. A platform to share and showcase knowledge, skills and expertise through a large variety of business and social activities and events. Our mission is to inform, connect and inspire professionals and companies in Singapore with a shared interest in Dutch business.

MORE INFORMATION

Visit the [Winsemius Awards](#) website

QUERIES AND INTERVIEW REQUESTS

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Attached:

- Winsemius Awards Q&A
- Photos of the event
- About ADB-DutchCham
- Logo ADB-DutchCham
- Press coverage: <https://www.straitstimes.com/business/3-firms-recognised-for-contributions-to-further-singapore-and-dutch-interests>
- Speech Minister S. Iswaran: <https://www.mti.gov.sg/newsroom/speeches>