



New sustainability acknowledgement

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Our company has been selected for membership into the new Kempen SNS Smaller Europe SRI Index, launched on October 1, 2003. SRI (Socially Responsible Investment) refers to investment in companies that demonstrate responsible business conduct. Increasingly, investors have strong demands regarding a company's non-financial performance, in addition to the traditional financial performance.

Membership is available only to those companies with the very highest standards and practice in the three areas of business ethics, human resources and the environment. Following extensive analysis, we are happy to announce that we have passed the exacting standards imposed.

We are working hard to be a responsible citizen in the communities in which we operate and we are happy that our engagement endeavours have been recognized.

For more information about Kempen SNS Smaller Europe SRI Index, visit their website at www.kempen.com.

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