



## Royal Wessanen nv

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### **Wessanen to nominate Ivonne Rietjens and Marjet van Zuijlen to its Supervisory Board**

Royal Wessanen nv will propose to appoint Prof. Dr. Ir. I.M.C.M. (Ivonne) Rietjens and Drs. M.M. (Marjet) van Zuijlen as new members to its Supervisory Board at its next Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, to be held on 17 April 2012. Prof. Dr. J.G.A.J. (Jo) Hautvast will be nominated for re-appointment for one year.

Frans Koffrie (chairman of the Supervisory Board): "I am very pleased with the nomination of both Ivonne Rietjens and Marjet van Zuijlen as member of the Supervisory Board. They both will bring a wealth of experience to Wessanen. As an important player in the organic food market, food safety and nutrition are very important topics for Wessanen. The extensive expertise and in-depth knowledge of Ivonne Rietjens in these areas will be very valuable for Wessanen. Marjet van Zuijlen has extensive experience within the profit and non-profit sector regarding human resources, strategy, corporate social responsibility and business development."

**Ivonne Rietjens** (1958) has the Dutch nationality. Since 2001 Ivonne Rietjens is full professor of Toxicology at the Agrotechnology & Food Sciences department at Wageningen University. In 2010 she was elected as member of the Dutch Royal Academy of Sciences (KNAW). She is also a member of the Academic Board of Wageningen University, member of the Dutch National Health Council, member of the German Senate Commission on Food Safety (DFG), chairman of the ANS Panel of The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), member of The Expert Panel of the Flavour and Extract Manufacturers Association (USA), member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Dutch Food Safety Authority (nVWA), chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Brabant Life Sciences Seed Fund and member of the Board of the Netherlands Science Foundation Division on Earth and Life Sciences (NWO-ALW). She has been a member of the Board of Trustees of ILSI-HESI (USA).

She published more than 280 peer reviewed articles in international journals and is supervisor of more than 60 PhDs. She earned an MSc degree in Molecular Life Sciences and a PhD in



Toxicology (both at Wageningen University). She heads the department of Toxicology at Wageningen University. Her fields of expertise include food safety, biochemical toxicology, and bioactive food ingredients.

**Marjet van Zuijlen** (1967) has the Dutch nationality and is an independent management consultant since 2009. Up to 2009, she worked for nine years at Deloitte. For seven years she was partner holding various positions of increasing responsibility including executive searcher, director corporate strategy & corporate social responsibility and director marketing, communication & business development. She also served as a member of the Dutch parliament for six years. She earned degrees in Political Science (Free University of Amsterdam) and History (University of Utrecht).

In parallel with her professional career she has been active as a board member and supervisor. She currently is a member of the Supervisory Board of Holland Casino and Verbrugge Terminals. She is also a Board member of various non-profit organisations such as 'Het Nationale Toneel', 'Holland Festival' and 'Film by Sea'.

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#### **About Wessanen**

Royal Wessanen nv is a leading company in the European organic food market. In 2010, Wessanen generated revenue of €712 million with over 2,200 employees. Operating mainly in France, the Benelux, the UK, Germany and Italy, we manage and develop our brands and products in the grocery and health food channels. Our vision is to make our organic brands most desired in Europe. Our brands, such as Bjorg, Whole Earth, Zonnatura, Bonneterre, Ekoland, Allos and Tartex, are pioneering brands in the organic food markets. Next to our leading position in organic food businesses, we also produce and market frozen snack products in the Benelux (Frozen Foods) and fruit drinks and cocktail mixers in the US (ABC).

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#### **Calendar**

23 February	Publication Q4 2011 results	17 April	AGM (Sheraton Schiphol)
27 April	Publication Q1 2012 results	25 July	Publication Q2 2012 results
25 October	Publication Q3 2012 results		