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# Vopak nominates Gerard Paulides as new CFO and member of the Executive Board

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Royal Vopak is pleased to announce that the Supervisory Board of Vopak will nominate Gerard Paulides as Chief Financial Officer and member of the Executive Board for a period of four years, effective 1 February 2018. The nomination is subject to the approval of the General Shareholders Meeting. An Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting will be called for on Friday 15 December 2017.

Gerard Paulides (54) is currently Executive Vice President Investor Relations at Royal Dutch Shell and a member of the Board of Directors of Shell Midstream Partners. He has a strong track record as CFO and successfully fulfilled several finance and mergers & acquisitions leadership roles in the gas, chemicals and oil industry including leading the Royal Dutch Shell / BG Group transaction completed in 2016.

His broad, international experience and deep understanding of the energy industry makes him very well qualified to serve as CFO of Royal Vopak and will contribute greatly to realize Vopak's ambition for further growth and continued service & operational leadership.

Gerard Paulides will succeed Jack de Kreij who has decided in November 2016 to step down per 1 February 2018. <u>Link to related press release</u>

This press release contains inside information as meant in clause 7 of the Market Abuse Regulation.

#### **Profile Vopak**

Royal Vopak is the world's leading independent tank storage company. Vopak operates a global network of terminals located at strategic locations along major trade routes. With a 400-year history and a strong focus on safety and sustainability, Vopak ensures efficient, safe and clean storage and handling of bulk liquid products and gases for its customers. By doing so, Vopak enables the delivery of products that are vital to our economy and daily lives, ranging from oil, chemicals, gases and LNG to biofuels and vegoils. Vopak is listed on the Euronext Amsterdam stock exchange and is headquartered in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Including its joint ventures and associates, Vopak employs an international workforce of over 5,500 people. As of 17 October 2017, Vopak operates 67 terminals in 25 countries with a combined storage capacity of 35.9 million cbm, with another 3.2 million cbm under development, to be added before the end of 2019, www.vopak.com

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