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### **ARCADIS SHELTER PROGRAM AND UN-HABITAT MAKE FURTHER ADVANCES IN IMPROVING URBAN QUALITY OF LIFE**

ARCADIS (NYSE EURONEXT: ARCAD), ARCADIS (EURONEXT: ARCAD), the international design, consulting, engineering and management services company, together with UN-HABITAT, the United Nations agency for human settlements has completed its 13<sup>th</sup> mission as part of the Shelter Program, rounding off year one of a three year partnership aimed at improving the quality of life for those living in rapidly growing cities around the world.

One year after signing an agreement with UN-HABITAT launching the Shelter program, ARCADIS employees have taken part in missions on three continents helping to bolster urban design and development efforts being made on the ground by UN-HABITAT in some of the world's poorest cities. Experts from a range of disciplines including: architecture, landscape design, sanitation, urban planning and water management have been actively engaged in the program by sharing their knowledge, expertise and providing capacity-building support.

The first of the two missions to the Philippines during March focused on delivering assessments and recommendations for the improvement of hillside dwellings for the 'scavengers' living and working at one of the Manila's landfill sites who have been relocated to a rapidly urbanizing, nearby town. The second mission, which centred on the coastal city of Sorsogon, saw the team invited to apply its collective expertise, findings and advice on land use, landscape planning, flood management, water and sanitation issues. In a presentation session attended by local officials, residents and UN-HABITAT staff, the team also focused on the long term development of the city by providing practical recommendations for integrating the effects of climate change in future planning efforts.

"Our work in Manila and Sorsogon – particularly with regard to preparations for dealing with climate change – is a perfect example of where and how we can support UN-HABITAT" commented Shelter Program Manager Bert Smolders during a recent presentation to private sector partners at UN-HABITAT's headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. "With our combined expertise, we are able to provide high quality input on situations where there is a clear need for action." ARCADIS CEO, Harrie Noy praised the work conducted so far stating, "We are pleased with the progress that has been made through our collective efforts with UN-HABITAT over the past year and look forward to continuing it in our upcoming projects."

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