

Van Gansewinkel gives waste DAF Trucks second life

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Van Gansewinkel and DAF Trucks today signed a new, five-year contract for managing all of the truck producer's residual materials in the Netherlands. A vital element of this contract is the specific 'Scrap Metal Management' (SMM) which Van Gansewinkel has already been successfully implementing in recent years at the Eindhoven-based truck manufacturer. For DAF, Van Gansewinkel has an important role in their efforts to achieve 'zero waste to landfill', to avoid the need to dump residual materials.



Mr. Cees van Gent, CEO Van Gansewinkel en Mr. Jos Smetsers, DAF Director Purchasing signing the contract

In the day-to-day process of building heavy- and medium-weight vehicles, DAF Trucks generates a wide range of residual streams of, for example, packaging materials, metals, synthetic materials and general industrial waste. Van Gansewinkel is responsible for the collection and processing of these residual streams. Along with the entire residual materials management, Van Gansewinkel is also responsible for the 'Scrap Metal Management' program. This is a management model developed by Van Gansewinkel to support organisations which have a relatively large amount of scrap (in terms of both volume and the various types of metal). Van Gansewinkel brings the different metal streams back

onto the market, thus giving residual metals a high-quality second life. The signed contract is an extension of the current cooperation with DAF Trucks N.V., which already lasts for almost 25 years.

"In the coming years, Van Gansewinkel will constantly targets to further optimise the waste management at DAF Trucks, with regard to both quality and costs", says Cees van Gent, CEO at Van Gansewinkel. "Waste isn't a residual product, but a valuable start of a new cycle. For DAF Trucks, this means that we collect the waste and recycle everything, use it as landfill or building material or for the generation of energy. In so doing, DAF Trucks helps us to achieve our own general objective of increasing the percentage of waste that proceeds as a raw material to 70 percent in the coming years."

With the new contract Van Gansewinkel is also responding to the wish of DAF Trucks to continuously come up with proposals for further improvement. Jos Smetsers, Director Purchasing DAF Trucks: "DAF Trucks wants its processes and products to influence the environment as little as possible. Just as we continuously work on further increasing quality and efficiency, we are also working to further reduce the environmental pollution generated via all our activities. When it comes to processing sustainable waste and giving a second life to waste, Van Gansewinkel is the ideal partner to achieve this objective".