



## **Stahl focuses on durable chemicals and coatings for public spaces and the architectural & home interior industry**

**Waalwijk, the Netherlands, 17 February 2016 – As market leader, Stahl is focused on lowering the environmental footprint of the whole supply chain within the industry. Both in leather chemicals and performance & powder coatings, the Dutch-based chemical company offers a wide range of solutions for numerous substrates. Recently the sustainable renovated Noord-Brabant provincial government building was officially opened with Stahl's support. In renovating the building, the provincial authority opted to refurbish the public spaces using mainly organically based materials. Stahl supported this project by providing leather with a sustainable finish for interior decoration.**

The interior designer used the leather to redesign the Province House while simultaneously making the building more sustainable. The biodegradable leather has been used for the surfaces of the employees' lockers and they serve as wall decorations in one of the largest meeting rooms in the building. Specifically for the 'Statenzaal' – an area for special occasions and high-level meetings - leather design sofas were made. Since these sofas are to be used intensively on a daily basis, Stahl offered a durable finish system to make them wear-resistant, dirt-repellent and easy to clean.

### **Organic and sustainable solutions**

The leathers as used in the provincial government building are just one of many examples of durable solutions for public spaces by Stahl. The company offers a wide range of solutions for numerous substrates - leather, synthetics, wood, metal and textiles – for public spaces and the architectural and home interior industry. Recently Stahl added powder coatings to its portfolio. By coating heat sensitive materials such as wood without using VOCs, the company fulfills the increasing demand for sustainable solutions for architectural applications.

“Whether at home, work or in public areas, an increasing number of people want to surround themselves with pure, natural and sustainable products”, says Huub van Beijeren, Stahl CEO. “We meet this demand by offering solutions that are both high-performing and durable. Whether the coatings are applied to leather, textile or PVC, we provide solutions resulting in a protective, wear-resistant layer that is dirt-repellent, easy to clean and fire retardant.”

### **Stahl takes a stand on sustainability**

As market leader in leather chemicals and performance coatings, Stahl is focused on lowering the environmental footprint of the whole supply chain within the industry. For its part, the company invests a significant amount of its revenue on R&D in order to develop greener solutions that do not compromise on performance.