

## PRESS RELEASE

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### New Director for Topterra

**Leon Litjens will be stepping into the position of Managing Director at Topterra Holland on 15 August 2016 where he will be taking over from Lam Janssen, who has held this position since 2002.**

#### Lam Janssen; internal consultant

Lam Janssen has been working for Topterra since 2000. Following the merger of Brill Dekaaarde and Topterra Holland, Janssen worked in the position of Technical Director. Two years later, in 2002, Janssen was appointed Managing Director, at which point he became responsible for Topterra Holland BV, Humuswerke Worpsswede GmbH and Legro Australia Pty Ltd. Driven by enthusiasm and inspiration he managed to take Topterra to the next level and he moulded it into the organisation that it is today. The Swinkels family, the owner of Topterra (Topterra is a part of the Legro group) is very satisfied with his performance. After 16 years at the helm Janssen will hand over the reins for the position of Managing Director on 15 August to allow him to step into an advisory role, where he will be overseeing various projects and the procurement of raw materials for the Legro Group.



#### Leon Litjens takes the baton



Leon Litjens will be heading Topterra and Humuswerke Worpsswede GmbH and he will also oversee further improvement in the synergy between Topterra and its Legro Group sister companies Legro Potgrond, Legro Transportbedrijf, and Kalloveen. Litjens has a background in various management and executive positions within the fruit and vegetable sector, which will allow him to continue the process of professionalisation of the organisation. We are looking forward to the start of his tenure here at Legro.

#### Thank you and all the best of luck

The Board of Directors of Legro would like to express its gratitude to Lam Janssen for all the work he has done and for results he has achieved in recent years, but also for his enthusiasm and the great commitment with which he has steered the organisation. The best of luck to both Lam Janssen and Leon Litjens for their new positions and the challenges they will be facing.

**About Topterra**

*Topterra Holland is a specialist in the production of mushroom casing soil, which is exported worldwide. The company provides employment for 30 people in total. Topterra Holland consists of Topterra, Humuswerke Worpswede (Germany) and Legro Australia, and it is a part of the Legro Group.*

*Legro is a global supplier of substrates and growing media. Raw materials are processed and mixed at the company to deliver optimal growing media. Custom solutions are provided for mushroom growers, nurseries, seed and cuttings companies and soft fruit growers in particular. Legro stands apart from the rest when it comes to quality by keeping the entire production process in-house. Legro has its own transport company, for instance, and it owns and manages approximately 3,000 hectares of peat fields in Estonia and Latvia. Furthermore, there are three production sites in the Netherlands, one in Germany, one in Belgium, one in Latvia and one in India. The Legro Group is a family business in substrates and growing media, with the fourth generation currently standing at the helm. The organisation consists of Legro Potgrond, Legro Transportbedrijf, Topterra and Kalloveen.*

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