



foundation **RURAL ENERGY SERVICES**

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FRES appoints Coen de Ronde as General Director and successor to Caroline Nijland

The Board of Foundation Rural Energy Services (FRES) has appointed Coen de Ronde to succeed Caroline Nijland per 15 May. Nijland fulfilled the position of General Director for over 11 years.

Under the leadership of Caroline Nijland, the FRES organisation was considerably professionalised and able to expand its activities in Africa. With her departure, FRES is losing a highly valued, driven and engaged Director who will be missed by the Board and her colleagues. FRES wishes her the very best in her future career as an independent professional. In this new role, the board is pleased to announce, Caroline will keep on supporting FRES in the future.

Her successor, Coen de Ronde, is extremely motivated to continue building on FRES' mission. Previously, he was a member of the Supervisory Board of NuRa, the FRES company in South Africa. The Board wishes him a fruitful future at FRES and looks forward to see him strengthen and further professionalise FRES' activities.

About FRES

FRES (Foundation Rural Energy Services) enables households and small companies in Africa access to safe, healthy and affordable electricity from solar energy. The availability of electricity has a positive influence on the lives of people in rural areas and contributes to fighting poverty and improving living conditions. At this moment, FRES is managing five companies in Africa, namely in Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Uganda and South Africa. FRES Netherlands delivers the necessary expertise and investments to start the local companies, let them grow and eventually become fully independent.

More information on FRES is available via www.fres.nl