

LETTER OF INTENT

between

**THE GOVERNMENT OF FLANDERS VIA THE AGENCY FOR FACILITY
OPERATIONS**

(hereinafter referred to as the “Agency”)

and

**THE WESTERN CAPE GOVERNMENT VIA ITS DEPARTMENT OF
INFRASTRUCTURE**

(hereinafter referred as the “Department”)

(hereinafter collectively referred to as “the partners”)

ACKNOWLEDGING the Letter of Intent signed between the Government of Flanders and the Western Cape Government on 27 September 2022 at Brussels, in the Kingdom of Belgium; and

WHEREAS discussions are continuing between the Government of Flanders and the Western Cape Government regarding further strengthening the partnership; and

DESIRING THEREFORE to also explore closer relations between the Agency and the Department, as public sector immovable asset managers, in respect of efforts to contribute to or assist with achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals ("UN SDG") for greater sustainability within the built sector; and

WITHIN the limitations of each of the partners' financial capabilities and pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries; and

BEARING IN MIND the competences of each of the partners; and

WHEREAS the basis of this relationship is equality, mutual cooperation, respect and understanding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOGNISED that the partners wish to explore closer cooperation including but not limited to the following:

- a) Development and/or enhancement of sustainability frameworks, policies, strategies, plans and projects to be implemented in the partners' respective fields of work;
- b) Knowledge exchange pertaining to management structures and governance mechanisms aligned to achieving UN SDG certification; and

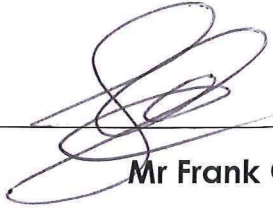
- c) Exploring best practices and training focused on International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certification and whole life cycle asset management.

SUCH COOPERATION will be promoted through the creation of a working group that will monitor and evaluate the implementation of projects to be decided under this Letter of Intent. The working group will develop an implementation programme, including for plans that give practical effect to this Letter of Intent.

GENERAL TERMS

- a) Amendments to this Letter of Intent must be recorded in writing and signed by the partners.
- b) The cooperation may be terminated by either partner at any time by giving the other partner written notice, e.g. via email, of such termination.
- c) This Letter of Intent is not intended to create any legal obligations on either partner.
- d) This Letter of Intent will not affect any obligations arising from other international conventions or agreements to which the partners or either partner is obligated thereto.

SIGNED IN BRUSSELS ON THE SECOND OF JULY 2024



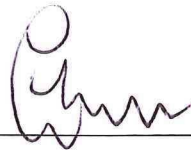
Mr Frank Geets

Administrator-General

Agency For Facility Operations

Government of Flanders

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