

## **MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE & THE ENVIRONMENT, THE NETHERLANDS**

### **TO OPEN GEOSPATIAL WORLD FORUM 2012**

#### **PRESS RELEASE**

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Mrs Melanie Schultz van Haegen, Hon'ble Minister of Infrastructure and the Environment in the Netherlands, has confirmed to open Geospatial World Forum (GWF) 2012 on 24 April. She will also deliver the Opening Address. **GWF 2012** will be held from **23 to 27 April** at the **RAI Convention Centre in Amsterdam**.

As the premium global geospatial industry event, GWF 2012 will bring the stakeholders — solution providers, policy makers as well as users — to a single platform, providing unparalleled opportunities for discussion, debate and interaction. The theme of Geospatial World Forum 2012 is 'Geospatial Industry & World Economy'. In tune with the theme, the conference will touch upon the dimensions and directions of geospatial industry and attempt to bring forward and project its utility, contribution and relevance to several important industries contributing to the economy of the world. The conference is being organised by Geospatial Media and Communications along with the Netherlands' Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency (in short: Kadaster).

Ms. Schultz assumed office for Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment in October 2010. This is a newly formed ministry, which has evolved after merger of earlier Ministries of Transport, Public Works and Water Management and Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment.

Mrs Schultz will be welcomed to the conference by Sanjay Kumar, Chief Executive Officer for Geospatial Media and Communications: "It is indeed our proud privilege to welcome the Hon'ble Minister. The ministry Mrs Schultz heads is one of the key beneficiaries of geospatial technologies. Her leading vision holds the key to the direction that the Netherlands will take in the coming years regarding projects with a geospatial core. We are confident that the delegates are eager to hear Mrs Schultz. Her presence will add significant value to the forum."

For more information about the conference, please visit [www.geospatialworldforum.org](http://www.geospatialworldforum.org)

#### **About Geospatial Media and Communications**

Geospatial Media and Communications (formerly GIS Development) works towards raising the profile of the geospatial industry; expanding its horizons through creating awareness, connecting industry communities, policy advocacy and business development initiatives.

#### **About Kadaster**

The Netherlands' Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency (in short: Kadaster) harbours many years of expertise regarding land registration, mapping, land use and corresponding IT-setup. As the international context of land administration continues to grow, the scope of Kadaster's activities abroad continues to widen. By collaborating with many parties internationally, Kadaster is able to keep its know-how prominent and remain a reliable sparring partner.

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