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## DSM CEO joins Global CEO Council to support Chinese leadership on reform, innovation and sustainable growth

Royal DSM, the global Life Sciences and Materials Sciences company, announced that Feike Sijbesma, its Chief Executive Officer, joined the second Round-Table Summit of the Global CEO Council (GCC) of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on July 9. In total nine CEOs from global leading multinational companies attended the summit to support the Chinese leadership on several topics, including economic growth, innovations, reforms and sustainability.

Feike Sijbesma, Chief Executive Officer, DSM commented during a discussion with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang: "Driving innovations is key to addressing the issues including food security and pollution that occur during China's urbanization process. Embracing the concept of the circular economy by for example using and upgrading agricultural waste is an optimal solution to make biofuels."





DSM CEO Feike Sijbesma joined a meeting with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang at the Great Hall of the People. (image source: Xinhua)

The nine CEOs had an in-depth discussion with Premier Li on topics including China's economic development, innovations, financial cooperation, energy-saving, environmental protection as well as China's reform. The participants are CEOs of Volkswagen (Germany), IBM (USA), Nokia (Finland), Schneider (France), Standard Chartered Bank (UK), Cargill (USA), Royal DSM (The Netherlands), Prologis (USA), Siemens (Germany).

"Reforms and innovations are essential for China to achieve sustainable development," Premier Li indicated. "China's further reforms and opening-up will provide more opportunities for multinational companies' development in China."

Established on June 5, 2013, the Global CEO Council (GCC) of the CPAFFC aims to further enhance people's friendship, further international cooperation and common development. Consisting of 14 CEOs from global leading multinational companies including DSM CEO Feike Sijbesma, GCC with its annual Round-Table Summit is the effort and very important communication platform by holding the highest level of direct dialogue with the Chinese leadership.

## DSM - Bright Science. Brighter Living.™

Royal DSM is a global science-based company active in health, nutrition and materials. By connecting its unique competences in Life Sciences and Materials Sciences DSM is driving economic prosperity, environmental progress and social advances to create sustainable value for all stakeholders simultaneously. DSM delivers innovative solutions that nourish, protect and improve performance in global markets such as food and dietary supplements, personal care, feed, medical devices, automotive, paints, electrical and electronics, life protection, alternative energy and bio-based materials. DSM's 24,500 employees deliver annual net sales of around €10 billion. The company is listed on NYSE Euronext. More information can be found at www.dsm.com.

DSM began trading with China in 1963 and established its first China sales office and first manufacturing facility in early 1990s. The company currently has 42 affiliates in China including 25 manufacturing sites and employs about 3,400 people. DSM China regional headquarters and China Science and Technology Center is located in Shanghai. DSM's business is growing healthily and steadily in China with revenue of more than USD1.7 billion in 2013. For further information, please visit www.dsm.com.cn.

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