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Scheuten a prizewinner at the Glas Award 2008

Düsseldorf, 23 October 2008 – At the biennial Glas Award 2008 ceremony Scheuten was a double prize-winner, winning the Innovation Award for the development of the Sunrise thin film product, while Kraanspoor, the truly eye-catching building located on the north bank of the IJ in Amsterdam (architects OTH), was also among the winners. The insulated glazing was supplied by Scheuten Glas Hoorn and Venlo. The Glas Award is an initiative of the Glas Branche Organisatie, the umbrella organization of flat glass sector employers with two hundred adherent company members.

Innovation Award

Scheuten is carrying out pioneering research into the possibilities offered by solar energy. The company manufactures solar modules in which glass plays a decisive role. On 21 June 2007 the Minister for Economic Affairs, Maria van der Hoeven, officially commissioned the Sunrise Pilot Plant as the first step on the way to a definitive solar panel factory. The GBO judges' panel therefore awarded the prize on the following grounds: 'Scheuten is one of Limburg's biggest employers. Time after time the company has made its mark through investment and by researching innovation in the field of glass manufacture. In opting for PV systems, Scheuten woke up to the fact, well before the market was ripe for it, that the future lay in alternative sources of energy. With the Sunrise factory, which will be manufacturing solar energy systems by sizing photovoltaic materials on minutely small glass pearl and providing jobs for hundreds of people, Scheuten, as the front runner in innovation, is taking the next step'.

Glas Award

Kraanspoor (architects OTH in Amsterdam) is 300 metres long and is remarkable for being completely transparent. The client ING Real Estate has rented out the building to IDTV. The insulated glazing was supplied by Scheuten Glas Hoorn and Venlo. The building is sited close to the former NDSM shipyard. The Glas Award judges' panel justified its choice in the following words: 'Kraanspoor is a really eye-catching building combining the old with the new and renovation with freshness of purpose. Its total transparency makes it an icon which is visible at any hour of the day or night on the north bank of the IJ, an historic location now undergoing complete development. Together with steel and concrete, glass plays a prominent part in the structure of Kraanspoor and provides a very clear example of the opportunities offered by flat glass which, when applied in this way by the architects OTH, has helped to fuse the notion of industrial heritage with that of contemporary architecture'.

Judges' panel and award

The Glas Award is awarded for the use of flat glass in interior and/or exterior applications, whereby product development and product application aspects form the scope. The judges' panel this year consisted of Prof. Just Renckens (Adviesbureau Renckens, panel chairman), Mr Ben van Dorssen (GBO General Secretary), Rikie Ponten (former owner/manager Van Tetterode Glasatelier), Cees Isselmann (Adviesbureau Köhler Peutz) and Marco Groothoff (Editor-in-Chief of Glas in Beeld).

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