



## Press Release

### **NRG expresses preference for Petten as location for PALLAS**

**Petten, 8 December 2009 - NRG has expressed the preference for the new research reactor PALLAS to be built in Petten. The final choice of location will be made in the spring of 2010.**

In this assessment, the following arguments have played an important role:

- Petten is already equipped with the full nuclear infrastructure that is necessary for operating PALLAS and for the further processing of products from the reactor. Relocating this infrastructure to the province of Zeeland would require significant additional investment.
- In the Petten area there are many experts and highly educated staff available in the field of nuclear technology. Their relocation to Zeeland would be complex.

In the coming period NRG will continue discussions with both North Holland and Zeeland to work out the plans further. If other significant arguments in favour of Zeeland as a preferred location should arise, then NRG will include these in the final decision process for the definitive location. The environmental impact assessment report procedure for PALLAS, which has been started by submitting the Pre-starting note, requires a final decision about the location to be made in the spring of 2010.

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