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AkzoNobel supports the Dutch Authority for Road Construction and Water Engineering with road salt

In the forthcoming days, AkzoNobel will deliver a total of 15,000 metric tons of road salt to Rijkswaterstaat (the Dutch Authority for Road Construction and Water Engineering, a part of the Dutch Ministry for Traffic). With this extraordinary supply, AkzoNobel will support national traffic safety in the forthcoming wintry days. For Rijkswaterstaat, this supply is part of its approach to manage the current shortage of road salt. The salt will be used in co-ordination with the Dutch provinces and communities.

AkzoNobel is a large supplier of road salt with salt factories in the Netherlands (in Hengelo and Delfzijl) and Denmark (in Mariager). Remaining stock which hadn't been sold to customers will now be sold to Rijkswaterstaat. This means that from Friday, 8 January until and including Wednesday, 13 January, AkzoNobel will deliver a total of 15,000 tons of road salt to Rijkswaterstaat. As a consequence, AkzoNobel will not be able to take additional orders for road salt until and including 13 January. The agreement between AkzoNobel and Rijkswaterstaat is based on normal market prices.

The salt will be used by Rijkswaterstaat in its approach to the imminent road salt shortage. This means that it will not only be used on motorways, but also on provincial and – where necessary – on local roads. This will be done in contact with provinces and communities.
