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DELIVERY OF THE PERMITS REQUIRED FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BUILDING SCIENCE 15-17 IN BRUSSELS

Cofinimmo obtained the town-planning and environmental permits required for the redevelopment of the building Science 15-17.

This building, located at the corner of the rue de la Science and the rue Belliard in Brussels, in the heart of the Leopold district, will be entirely redeveloped with the ambition of making it a flagship property in Brussels. The new construction will offer 17,700m² of modern, efficient and sustainable office space. The project foresees the creation of a forecourt on the corner of the rue de la Science and the rue Belliard. Thanks to a five-storey transparent atrium, the interior garden located behind the building will be visible from the street.

Cofinimmo will develop a passive building, with an E-level of energy consumption of 45 and a K-level of thermal insulation of 35. The aim is also to receive a “Very Good” BREEAM certificate for the property. The project won the Exemplary Building competition of the Brussels Capital Region.





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Cofinimmo entered a partnership with the architecture firm Art & Build and with the architect Pierre Lallemand for the concept and the execution of this project. Ney & Partners and CES will be responsible for the aspects related to the stability and the special techniques respectively.

Marc Thill, CEO of Art & Build, and Pierre Lallemand: *“The project is in line with our desire, for the past 25 years, to create the conditions for individual and collective development, namely in workspaces. The idea is to create living spaces in which the quality of the natural light, of the air and of the materials play a leading role and to favour informal and welcoming exchange areas. The desire to put the human aspect at the centre of our preoccupations also translates into our concern regarding the global ecological footprint of the building. The town-planning approach contributes to this, but the entire concept of the building – shell and techniques – also aims to make it a construction with a high environmental added value.”*

The required permits for the redevelopment of the building having been delivered, a time frame can now be guaranteed to the candidate tenants who showed an interest for the building.

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