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CONSTRUCTION BULLETIN
Project: renovation and expansion of Gymnasion Noord

General information
This is the first construction bulletin regarding the renovation and expansion of Gymnasion Noord. This bulletin is intended to inform you about the construction activities happening in and around the building.

Figure 1: Impression of current situation
Figure 2: Impression of future situation

This construction bulletin will be posted once every quarter. You can track the project’s progress on the website. You will soon also be able to follow the project live through our webcams. The contractor has also set up a Facebook page, which you can follow at https://www.facebook.com/gymnasionnoord.

We believe it is important to provide you with good, specific information, which is why we have organised walk-in sessions where you can ask us any questions or share your concerns and complaints with us. You are welcome to stop by the room number 03.426 and 03.428 every Tuesday between 15:00 and 16:00. The managers and/or supervisors will be available at this time. For urgent matters, please contact the UVB Service Hotline: 33333 (internal) or (024)-3611332.
An information meeting for users of the third floor has also been organised. It will take place in the Foyer of Gymnasion on Monday 18 April from 12:00 to 13:00. During this meeting the construction activities and planning will be explained. You will also receive an e-mail notification of this information meeting.

Project Gymnasion Noord
The Gymnasion complex comprises a North Building (Noord) and South Building (Zuid) that was completed in 2003. In 2014, preparations were started to relocate the Nijmegen School of Management to the North Building. This faculty is currently located in the Thomas van Aquinostraat. The main current user, the HAN University of Applied Sciences (HAN), will use part of the North Building until the summer of 2018. After the current academic year, HAN will no longer use the ground floor.

As there is not enough space to house the Faculty in the Gymnasion North Building, a fourth segment will be constructed. An additional section will also be built on top of the GN rooms on the first floor. The new construction of the fourth segment and the top additional section is shown in Figure 3 in red highlights.

In addition, two-floors of linking building sections will also be built onto the east side. This is also shown in red highlights in Figure 4.

Renovation activities will also take place on floors -1 to 3. These renovation activities will be carried out in two phases. Phase 1 runs from April 2016 to summer 2017. In the summer of 2017, roughly half of the Nijmegen School of Management (NSM) will move into the renovated and expanded Gymnasion. In the first phase the new construction will be carried out and work completed on floors -1, 0, 2 and 3.
The second phase will start after the summer of 2018 and will be completed in the spring of 2019. During this phase the spaces used earlier by HAN (floors 1 and 2) will be renovated. This will include the construction of the theatre for Cultuur op de Campus. After these activities are completed, the rest of NSM will also move to Gymnasion.

During the summer of this year the piano-shaped South Building will also be renovated. You will receive more information about this shortly.

On 7 April, following the preparation of the plans in 2014, 2015 and early 2016, the contract for the implementation of the work on the North Building was signed by the President of the Executive Board Prof. G. Meijer and the Managing Director of the contracting party. Mr. W. Smit of WAM & Van Duren Bouwgroep.

Work to implement this design has already begun. The contractor has already started preparatory work on floor -1. This work will make a number of user relocations possible. The student association SNUF will be given new meeting rooms, after which the student association SPC can relocated to the former SNUF meeting rooms. The campus employment office will move to the former SPC office, which means an increase of its available space. The mail room was moved on 23 March to the former side room of the Refter. KDC will relocate to the former mailroom. The contractor will use a number of former storage rooms as on-site facilities. They will serve as spaces to meet, work and monitor the project. This has the advantage that no additional on-site offices will have to be set up and the contractor and advisors will be close to the construction activities. This enables them to anticipate events more rapidly.

During these construction activities, every attempt will be made to keep the Gymnasion North Building in use during the construction. Construction always causes a certain amount of inconvenience, and since the building will remain open and in use during this work, it will be quite a challenge to keep things running smoothly. On the one hand, the contractor will need to drill, hack, saw and grind, while on the other, our staff and students need to be able to work as undisturbed as possible. The contractor will take the necessary measures to limit the inconvenience and will organise work activities in such a way that any inevitable inconvenience will take place outside of teaching and working hours as much as possible. It will be impossible to prevent inconvenience altogether, but we will try to limit this as much as possible and keep you updated to the best of our abilities.

We foresee two occasions during the renovation and construction process that will cause a significant amount of inconvenience:
1. The new segment will require that the existing facade be broken through. These activities are expected to start mid-May.
2. In addition to the construction activities, a great deal of demolition work will be carried out during the summer holiday. This period was suggested by the contractor specifically because fewer people are present around this time and this is a period with little or no teaching.

This mainly concerns demolition activities on the ground floor, breaking through a number of floors, and modifying the main entrance.

Necessary measures will be taken for both inconvenience-causing periods, and we will keep you updated on these.
**In closing**
We hope that this first construction bulletin has given you a better impression of the scope of the work to be carried out in the Gymnasion Noord project and we hope to provide you with further information through the website, the walk-in session and the information meeting.