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Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

"Politici zijn in de ban geraakt van de wereld redden, waardoor je een onthechting ziet van politieke doelen ten opzichte van de economische realiteit."

Translated by ChatGPT: "Politicians have been obsessed with saving the world, leading to a detachment of political goals from economic reality".
Translated by DeepSeek: "Politicians have become obsessed with saving the world, resulting in a detachment of political goals from economic reality."

Sam Altman or Liang Wenfeng, they both translate the words of the CEO of Boskalis Peter Berdowski. Irrespective whether you are Dutch, American or Chinese, we understand the meaning. In a fine interview in De Telegraaf of last Saturday March 15th, Berdowski warned again against too rigid policies and regulations. Boskalis with a worldwide presence and fleet still has the possibility to move

(part of) its business elsewhere; likewise for Unilever, Shell, Samsung, Nike or Canon, whereas this is impossible for Dutch airlines. Also disastrous for our economy, but for foreign airlines it's 'easier' to move their operation from Schiphol to Düsseldorf or Paris. I sympathize with those who are "obsessed with saving the world".

But ... it's also my concern, this detachment of political goals from the (economic) reality!

Too often we are confronted with rules or policies which are detached from the reality, from the "real world" the airline industry operates in. Often based on the misunderstanding that we are the epic centre of the world.

Having said this, of course we do fully support our common goal. Make this world a better place. A sustainable operation is your license to operate, and less noise, less emissions is our joint objective.

The economic reality of our industry is that in the Netherlands more than 100.000 people are directly employed in aviation, generating US\$ 10.5 billion of economic output. Even more additional benefits are generated by the wider supply chain. Tourism alone already contributes US\$ 7.1 billion to our GDP and more than 400.000 jobs.

Political goals should take this into account. Full stop.

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema,
Chairman



Planning Bureau for the Living Environment published report on toxic emissions

Earlier this month the PBL (*Plan Bureau voor de Leefomgeving* – Planning Bureau for the Living Environment), published a report on the reduction of various emissions over the past decades. The reduction shows a steep decline and the expectation is that it will further drop in the coming years.

Herewith the chance is fairly big that the European emission goals for air polluting substances by 2030 will be met. But despite a drastic expected reduction of the emission of ammonia the legal national goals for reduction of NOx depositions in nature are still far from within reach.

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- Please [click here](#) to download the Up in the Sky article 'Bonaire maakt bezwaar tegen verhoging vliegtaks'
- Please [click here](#) to download the Up in the Sky article 'KLM Topvrouw over advies: Het kan niet zo zijn'



IATA Updates

- Please [click here](#) to download the IATA LinkedIn publication 'What does it take to become a pilot?'
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