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DEAR SIR/MADAM,

It is a great honour to invite you to take part in the Brunel Awards 2014. To mark 175 years of rail transport in the Netherlands and the 125th anniversary of Amsterdam Central Station, ProRail and Dutch Railways (NS) are delighted to be organising and hosting the **12th international Brunel Awards**. This global design competition for railway companies was launched in 1985 by the Watford Group, in partnership with the International Union of Railways (UIC) since 2008.

Railways are an indispensable means of transport with considerable economic and environmental advantages. High quality architecture and design of railway infrastructure result in better customer perception and public support. The aim of the Brunel Award is to make railways more attractive to their customers and to enhance their aesthetic quality and sustainability. Only commissioners of the work will be awarded.

Projects will be nominated in four categories and must have been completed between January 2010 and December 2014. During the competition, the best nominations will be presented with the Brunel Awards. The company which demonstrates extraordinary achievements in several categories may be awarded the Special Brunel Jury Prize.

A high-ranking international jury chaired by State Architect Frits van Dongen will select the laureates in June 2014. The jury comprises well-known railway experts from the UIC as well as renowned experts in architecture, engineering, construction and design. All entries must be received no later than **31 May 2014** in order to be considered. The award ceremony will take place in Amsterdam on **15 October 2014**.

All the details about participating in the Brunel Awards 2014 can be found in the attached call for entries and entry form.

We look forward to your participation in this renowned competition.

Kind regards,

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