

# Report 2013



*Maakt meer mogelijk!*

### **Network length**

The length of the Westerscheldetunnel and connecting roads is 20 kilometres.

### **Investments**

In 2013 an extra lane was added to the road to the toll plaza. This helps u to regulate the possibility of traffic jams which occur on busy days.

Also in 2013 we started the project that renovates our control room in which the Westerscheldetunnel and the toll plaza is operated from. It is planned that the new control room will be in use from May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Financing**

The Province of Zeeland holds 100% of the shares of N.V. Westerscheldetunnel; 47% of the annual income is generated by a subsidy from the Province of Zeeland. The other 53% is income from toll charges.

Toll charges for the Westerscheldetunnel are only temporary: In 2033 the Westerscheldetunnel will be toll-free.

### **Traffic**

In 2013 traffic increased by 1.4% compared to 2012. For 2014 a growth of 2% is foreseen.

The average traffic in 2013 reached the limit of 16,000 passages. 10 years after opening the traffic increased with 33%.

Teletoll subscribers are responsible for 68,7% of the traffic.

### **Tolls**

As a result of the positive renewal of the main maintenance contract we are able to reduce a decent amount of costs. Our policy is that clients also should benefit from this cost savings. In 2013 the toll tariffs are the same as 2012 and 2011. The tariffs will remain the same in 2014 and 2015.

In 2013 the average charge for light vehicles was € 0.25 per kilometre. The charge for teletoll subscribers was € 0.19 per kilometre.

In 2013 the average charge for heavy vehicles was € 1.25 per kilometre. The charge for teletoll subscribers was € 0.95.

### **Safety**

In 2013 there were fortunately no fatal accidents.

### **Long-term forecasts and tendencies**

In 2015 the Sluiskiltunnel will open. This is an opportunity for the Westerscheldetunnel because clients are able to travel between Goes (Ned) and Gent (Bel) without interruption. An increase in traffic is foreseen once the tunnel is open.

The Sluiskiltunnel will not be subject to toll charges.

## Main Asecap key figures

N.V. Westerscheldetunnel	2013
Network length .....	20 km
2 x 2 lanes .....	
2 x 3 lanes .....	
2 x 4 lanes.....	
No. of km under construction	-
Forecasts for opening motorway sections	-
Annual toll revenue	€ 26,530,611
Permanent staff	65.3
Average daily traffic (LV)	14,461
Average daily traffic (HV)	1,611
Average daily traffic (LV+HV)	16,072
Total number of accidents	8
No. of accidents resulting in personal injury	4
No. of fatal accidents	-
Km travelled (10 <sup>6</sup> x km)	117,3 mln.
No. of toll plazas	1
No. of lanes	14
No. of lanes equipped with teletoll	14
No. of teletoll subscribers	52,250
No. of rest areas (with station services)	-
No. of rest areas	-
No. of restaurants	-
No. of hotels	-