

BIODIVERSITY CASE STUDY

Company: SCR Sibelco

Country: Belgium

Title Integration of restored silica sand quarries in a Natural Park and nature reserve

Context Sibelco is active in the middle of National Park Hoge Kempen. It has been an important partner in the realisation of this first Belgian national park for which Mr Ignace Schops, Regionaal Landschap, received the prestigious Goldman Prize in 2008.

Objective Mining and restoration of the new quartz sand quarry 'Mechelse Heide Zuid' at the border of the National Park Hoge Kempen.

Solution The project foresees the move of the sand plant from the location 'Berg' (middle of the Park) to the new quarry location. Both the new and the existing quarry will be restored in such a way that they will be fully integrated in the national park and nature reserve.

Result Sibelco contributes to the realisation of the National Park which houses a lot of protected species and biotopes.

Partners RLKM, Community of Maasmechelen
Agentschap Natuur & Bos (gov. org.)

