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Forbo Flooring Systems investigates the quality of the indoor environment in class rooms

Delft Technical University to study the effects of floor coverings in the indoor environment.

Forbo Flooring Systems is supporting Prof. Dr. Ph. Bluysen and her team at Delft Technical University (Netherlands) for a two year field and lab study project to research the role of flooring materials in health, comfort and performance of children in class rooms. The study is both a holistic analysis of class rooms and student performance in real life situations as well as experimental and quasi experimental studies providing insights in environmental impacts, making use of the newly established university's SENSELAB study centre.

In the study Prof. Bluysen and her team will conduct interviews, visit a large number of randomly selected school buildings, collect and monitor data as well conducting test involving children age 10-12 in the specially built SENSELAB. In the SENSELAB different class room conditions can be evaluated. The study ultimately aims to define design guidelines for the use of different (flooring) materials in classrooms for different situations.

Forbo is interested in collecting the data in the interest of its flooring offer to schools, universities as well as other building types that are study or work related such as libraries, study centres and offices. In 2016 Forbo Flooring Systems launched its "Committed to the health of one initiative" in which the company is actively searching and progressing its ambitions to make a positive contribution to the quality of the indoor environment. Forbo's broad portfolio offering products with low indoor air emissions and phthalate free, is seen as a sound base for improving the indoor (air) climate and related effects on adults and children. The study is expected to provide initial results by September 2017.

Prof. Dr. Philomena M. Bluysen occupies the Chair for Indoor Environment at the Delft University of Technology at the faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment at the Department of Architecture, Engineering + Technology, Section Climate Design. Prof. Dr. Bluysen is author many studies and publications as well as the book: 'The healthy indoor environment: how to assess occupants' wellbeing in buildings' (2013)

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