

## STATEMENT AWS – Marc du Bois (CEO)

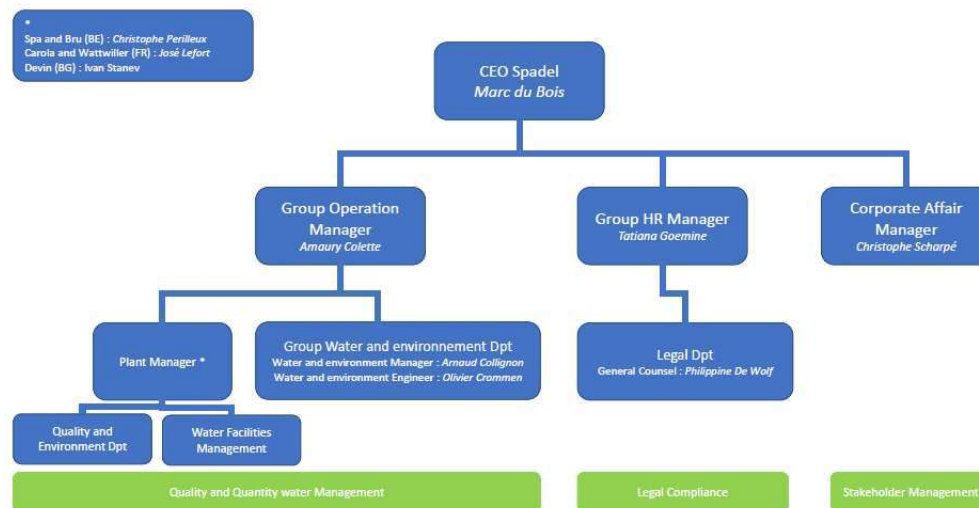
The protection and sustainable management of water resources have always been in Spadel's DNA. For us, water is a precious common good that needs to be protected in order to guarantee its quality and purity today and also for future generations.

Spadel has positioned itself as a pioneer on water protection matters and has continuously pursued the implementation of measures to protect water resources through projects and partnerships with local, regional and national stakeholders.

### Our objective is to protect and valorize this exceptional regional patrimony.

Thanks to this experience, which has been recognized and awarded several times and inspired by all the good practices implemented on other sites throughout the world, Spadel continues to improve the protection of the water resources and their environments.

The importance of sustainable water management to Spadel is reflected in the multitude of people throughout the organization that are involved, as reflected in the below organigramme.



Spadel is committed to achieving Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) Certification at Platinum level at all production sites across our organisation. Certification to the AWS Standard aims to drive social, cultural, environmental, and economic benefits at site and catchment levels.

For more information visit [a4ws.org](http://a4ws.org)

Committing to AWS certification means:

- To have your management methods evaluated by an independent external body and
- To engage in a process of continuous improvement
- To implement the standard, each of Spadel's sites commits to following points:
- Implement and disclose progress on water stewardship program(s) to achieve improvements in AWS water stewardship outcomes
- implementation will be aligned to and in support of existing catchment sustainability plans
- site's stakeholders will be engaged in an open and transparent way
- allocate resources to implement the Standard

In this way, our consumers and stakeholders can be assured that Spadel's sites waters are managed and bottled sustainably: without overexploitation, within the limits set by the local legal framework, and in all transparency and trust with other local actors using this water.

As a water user and a pioneer in water resources protection measures, we encourage all organizations that use water to commit themselves to the application of these best practices and certification (such as AWS). Because it is all together that we will succeed in this enormous challenge of preserving our water resources and guaranteeing them for future generations.

For any questions, do not hesitate to contact Spadel at [info@spadel.be](mailto:info@spadel.be).

**"When man protects water, water protects man".**

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