

BIOGRAPHY OF PAUL VAN SON



Paul van Son has been active in various management and executive positions in the international (renewable) electricity and gas business for over 30 years at Siemens AG (Germany), SEP (the Dutch power pool and interconnected grid), KEMA Consulting/ECC (international energy consultants), Chief Executive Officer of Essent Energy Trading, Managing Director of Essent Sustainable Energy and Chairman of the Management Board of Deutsche Essent GmbH in Düsseldorf, being responsible for the German activities of Essent N.V.

Mr. van Son has been instrumental in developing of non-food biomass for power supply, wind power development and marketing of green power (an invention of Essent in 1998). During 2008/9 Mr. van Son was Executive Director of Econcern, NL (renewable energy and energy efficiency).

He is Chairman of the Energy4All Foundation (www.energy4all.org / www.niceinternational.com), a non-profit organization promoting decentralized energy and communication systems in Africa.

In addition, Mr. van Son is President of the European Federation of Energy Traders (www.efet.org), which has been a pioneer in energy market opening and (renewable) energy trading.

In 2009 Mr. van Son was appointed CEO of the Dii GmbH (Desertec Industrial Initiative).