



## **Olaf van der Kolk**

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Olaf van der Kolk is the CEO of AquaMinerals, a non-profit organization representing all drinking water companies and 5 water authorities in the Netherlands. The mission of AquaMinerals is to provide services to its participants for the purpose of creating economic and sustainability value from resources that are or can be recovered from the watercycle. AquaMinerals was founded in 1995 in response to the growing costs of residual management for the Dutch drinking water companies, as well as the ambition of the sector to become more resource efficient. The foundation of the company marked to beginning of a unique concept in which the water companies joint forces enabling development of sustainable value-chains to recover and beneficially reuse residuals from the water treatment process rather than disposal. Currently, AquaMinerals has been successful in commercializing various residuals, recovered substances and even products reused at drinking water and municipal wastewater treatment plants.