

## UEPG Sustainable Development Awards 2005

**Company: Hülskens GmbH & Co. KG**

**Location: Wesel, Germany**

**The Büderich-Ginderich Project**

**Special Merit for “Innovation”**





Union Européenne des Producteurs de Granulats  
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European Aggregates Association

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Hülskens was founded at the end of the 19th century by Gerhard Hülskens together with Conrad Krieger and Dr. Dietrich Kuckelmann and has its principal office in Wesel. At the beginning, hydraulic engineering was the focus of the company. The invention of ferroconcrete in the 1920's formed the basis for a new branch of the business: extraction of gravel and sand. Nowadays Hülskens is successfully operating with ready-mixed concrete. The Büderich-Ginderich site has provided essential materials for the Niederrhein region, Münsterland, Ruhr Basin and the Netherlands since 1987. In 2000 the company decided to illuminate the site. The objective behind that idea was to put the aggregates industry in a more favourable light. It was intended that the illumination should stress the different features and functions of the object. The elongated transport devices and the tiny steel construction parts have been accentuated by disguised light stripes and the dumps and silos highlighted with light rays of various intensity. Changing colours emphasize the various parts of the plant. The steel construction of the facility together with its zinc coated surfaces are submerged in green and blue light. The heaps of sand and gravel gleam in golden yellow. White shining band-lines form linking elements. The transformation of the site to a work of art by night has found great favour with the community and indeed has become a local tourist attraction.