

## Second highest building in Amsterdam perfectly covered with Bolicat

The heightening and embellishment of the radio tower in the Amsterdam South Axis area are nearing completion. A lot of effort is being put into painting and coating the tower.

Due to the new high-rise buildings in this area, including those of ING and ABN AMRO, the radio tower had to be heightened. With the addition of a 40-metre steel structure, the tower now stands 146 metres tall. Since a higher tower is also subject to increased wind stress, the thickness of the concrete wall of the shaft was doubled to seventy centimetres.

One of the conditions imposed by the Amsterdam Municipality upon granting planning permission concerned the [aesthetic](#) aspect, says project manager Rudy Bouquet. The appearance of the tower had to fit in with the prestigious and modern buildings in the South Axis area. That is why the concrete tower will soon look like an azure, shiny monolith.

The shaft, with a surface of more than two thousand square metres, will be coated in five layers of paint. Four will be applied by roller and one coat by spraying. At the end of August, the paintwork will be finished and the scaffolding removed. A piece of light art by Giny Vos will be installed in September. Finally, in October, there will be a festive celebration to formally put the tower back into operation.



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