

## PRESS RELEASE

### Deepening and widening of the Świnoujście – Szczecin fairway in Poland awarded to a consortium including Van Oord and Dredging International

**Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 1 October 2018 - Van Oord and Dredging International, a DEME Group subsidiary, have been awarded a major contract for the modernisation of the Świnoujście – Szczecin fairway in Poland. The contract covers the deepening and widening of the fairway along a section of approximately 62 km.**

The investment by the Maritime Office in Szczecin will improve access to the Szczecin seaport and increase the port capacity to handle a growing volume of cargo.

The project is a design and build contract to deepen and widen the fairway along a section of approximately 62 km from -10.5 to -12.5 m. The dredged materials will be used to build two artificial islands in the Szczecin lagoon. The works further include enforcements of slopes and quay walls along the channel, relocation of cables and navigational aids. The environmental sustainability and cooperation with all project stakeholders play an important role during execution. Several types of equipment will be deployed on the project.

Works will start end of 2018 and are expected to be completed in 42 months. The contract has a value of approximately EUR 313 million and is co-financed by the European Union.

‘The combination of state of the art dredging equipment, the consortium’s vast international experience in design and build projects and most importantly our integrated team of experts enabled DEME and Van Oord to bring the most cost efficient solution,’ said Eric Tancré, Area Director Europe at DEME.

Govert van Oord, Area Director Europe at Van Oord: ‘It is a challenging project and an opportunity to demonstrate Van Oord’s and DEME’s capabilities in offering

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integrated dredging solutions to our client. Our project team is looking forward to working closely with our client and all stakeholders, in order to contribute to the further modernisation of the maritime infrastructure in Poland and at the same time enhancing the environment during execution.'

### **About Van Oord**

Van Oord is a Dutch family-owned company with 150 years of experience as an international marine contractor. The focus is on dredging, oil & gas infrastructure and offshore wind. Its head office is in Rotterdam. Van Oord employs approximately 4,500 staff, who worked in 2017 on 180 projects in 42 countries. The fleet consists of more than one hundred vessels. Marine ingenuity is characteristic of Van Oord. By using innovative, smart and sustainable solutions, it wishes to contribute to a better world for future generations. In 2018, the company is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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### **About DEME**

The Belgian dredging, environmental and marine engineering group DEME is an international market leader for complex marine engineering works.

Building on more than 140 years of experience and know-how, DEME has organically moved into several related sectors, such as the financing of marine engineering and environmental projects, executing complex EPC related marine engineering projects including civil engineering works, the development and construction of renewable energy projects, providing services for the oil, gas and energy sector, the decontaminating and recycling of polluted soils and silts, the harvesting of marine resources, etc.

Thanks to an integrated company structure, DEME strongly emerges as a 'global solutions provider' which offers its clients overall solutions. DEME has the most modern, high-tech and versatile fleet.

DEME Group has 5,100 employees worldwide and achieved a turnover of 2.37 billion euros in 2017.

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