

PRESS RELEASE

Three-year maintenance contract for Van Oord in India

Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 05 July 2017 - Van Oord has won a contract to keep the approach channel to the port of Kandla, India, up to depth for the next three years. The approach channel is a crucial gateway to the port of Kandla, which is one of the major ports in western India. The contract was awarded by the Client Kandla Port Trust (KPT). The dredging activities will commence in July 2017.

Countries around the world are continuing to expand their ports and maintain their waterways due to the growth in maritime trade and the increasing size of vessels. The port of Kandla is strategically located in the north-west of India with good hinterland connections. Improving the accessibility of the port will contribute to international and local trade and facilitate economic growth in the region.

Van Oord has an extensive track record in India. *'We are very happy to win this project after having successfully completed several other projects in the Kandla area. We are looking forward to being of service to our client again'*, says Ton van der Burg, South West Asia Area Manager.

Trailing suction hopper dredgers Volvox Delta and Volvox Asia will be deployed to maintain the channel and berth approaches. During execution, Van Oord's dredging activities will have a minimum impact on the busy maritime transport route. The dredged material will be deposited in a designated area at sea.

About Van Oord

Van Oord is a leading international contractor specialising in dredging, marine engineering and offshore projects (oil, gas and wind). Its head office is located in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The company's expertise ranges from design to execution and it has been involved in such noteworthy projects as the port of Rotterdam's Maasvlakte 2 expansion and the construction of the second Suez Canal, trench dredging and backfilling of pipelines worldwide, and the construction of several offshore wind farms in the North Sea. Van Oord is an independent family business and employs about 4,800 professionals worldwide. Its modern fleet consists of more than a hundred vessels and other specialised equipment.

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