

PRESS RELEASE

Van Oord awarded royal designation

Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 23 November 2018 – His Majesty King Willem Alexander of the Netherlands has conferred the right to use the designation *Koninklijk* ('Royal') on Van Oord. Jaap Smit, King's Commissioner in the Province of Zuid-Holland, presented the certificate to Van Oord's CEO Pieter van Oord during an international symposium at the Laurenskerk in Rotterdam, where 450 guests had gathered to mark the company's 150th anniversary.

Pieter van Oord: 'It is an honour to have the right to use the royal designation. It crowns the one hundred and fifty years of entrepreneurship, spirit and perseverance displayed by my predecessors and all our employees today.'

Jaap Smit, King's Commissioner: 'Rotterdam is proud, Zuid-Holland is proud and the Netherlands is proud. Van Oord is looking forward to a hopefully bright future as a Royal company.'

Founder Govert van Oord started out as an independent entrepreneur in 1868. Over the course of 150 years, Van Oord grew to become the international dredging, oil and gas infrastructure and offshore wind contractor that it is today, an achievement supported by a series of acquisitions and mergers. The fifth generation of the Van Oord family is now active in the company.

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, they want to contribute to a better world for future generations. In 2018, the company is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

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