

## PRESS RELEASE

### Van Oord–Hellenic Cables consortium assigned to connect Hollandse Kust (South) project to grid

**Rotterdam, 6 September 2018 - TenneT has awarded the Van Oord-Hellenic Cables consortium the assignment to supply and install sea and land cables for the Hollandse Kust (South) Alpha project. The 700 MW grid connection will transmit offshore wind energy to electricity users in the Netherlands.**

Two wind farms with a joint capacity of 700 MW are under construction in the Hollandse Kust (South) wind farm zone, 22 kilometres off the coast of the Dutch Province of South Holland. The client, TenneT, was chosen by the Dutch government to manage the offshore grid. Its assignment for the Van Oord-Hellenic Cables consortium covers the design, the manufacture of 220 kV cables, the cable-laying operation, and connecting the wind farm to the Maasvlakte high-voltage station. The 42-kilometre-long connection will run from the offshore Alpha substation to the onshore station located at the Maasvlakte 2 area, Rotterdam.

The Van Oord-Hellenic Cables consortium has also been chosen to deliver and install cables for the Hollandse Kust (South) Beta sea cables project. This assignment includes manufacturing and laying a 66 kV marine cable between the Alpha and Beta platforms. The Hollandse Kust (South) Alpha grid connection must be ready by 2021, and the Beta in 2022.

Manon van Beek, CEO of TenneT: “With this new tender for the offshore grid, we are again, according to the Energy Agreement, taking an important next step towards more sustainable electricity production at sea. TenneT, and thus the Netherlands, is well on track with the realisation of connections for an additional 3.5 GW of extra offshore wind farms, and a total of 4.5 GW in 2023.”

Pieter van Oord, CEO of Van Oord: “Offshore wind is an important part of the transition to sustainable energy in the Netherlands. This major offshore grid connection will bring wind energy to end users. We are excited to take on this project for TenneT with our partner Hellenic Cables.”

Alexios Alexiou, Hellenic Cables’ General Manager: “We are delighted that this prestigious offshore wind farm project was awarded to Hellenic Cables in cooperation with our partner Van Oord and driven by our combined ability to supply and timely install competitive and technologically innovative cable solutions. We are proud to contribute to the Dutch government’s goal to achieve its target of a total of 4.5GW of offshore wind energy production capacity by 2023.”

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### **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. In 2017, Van Oord recorded a turnover of more than EUR 1.5 billion. 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 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **About Hellenic Cables**

Cablel @ Hellenic Cables represents the cable production segment of Cenergy Holdings SA, and is one of the largest cable producers in Europe, manufacturing power and telecom cables as well as submarine cables for various industries, including offshore wind and power grid connections, while also undertaking the completion of turnkey power transmission and distribution projects. The Company's production base comprises four plants in Greece and one in Bulgaria, including the submarine cables' plant of its subsidiary, Fulgor, where the production and testing of some of the longest submarine cable lengths on a worldwide basis is empowered by the Company's state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. Cablel @ Hellenic Cables recently implemented a EUR 120 million approx. investment plan for the manufacture of high-voltage and extra high-voltage submarine cables at Fulgor's plant. Looking ahead, additional investments in technology and innovative cable solutions are planned, as a way of contributing to the creation of a sustainable future for its stakeholders.

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