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Van Oord’s new project in Dubai

Rotterdam, the Netherlands, 15 February 2013 – Meraas Development LLC has again contracted Van Oord to build an island in the emirate of Dubai. Jumana Island will lie 500 metres off the coast and will be used for urban development. A bridge will connect the island to the coast. The contract is worth approximately EUR 100 million. Work on the project has started and completion is scheduled for the end of 2013.

The project involves dredging of sand from the sea bed, reclaiming the island as well as reclamation of the beaches. Construction of groynes, revetments, soil compaction of the new island and the reclamation of sand bodies to facilitate the construction of a bridge also form part of the project. A total of more than 8 million cubic metres of sand needs to be dredged and deposited and some 3 million tons of stone will be placed. Van Oord deploys three trailing suction hopper dredgers and a cutter suction dredger, as well as a variety of equipment for placing the stone.

Meraas Development LLC previously contracted Van Oord to construct the Pearl Jumeirah island. Van Oord has been working virtually non-stop in Dubai since 2001. Projects such as the construction of the islands Palm Jumeirah, The World and Palm Deira, the harbour development in Mina Zeyahi, the land reclamation for Dubai Maritime City and the reclamation of various beaches were realised by Van Oord.

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 Palm Jumeirah in Dubai, the port of Rotterdam’s Maasvlakte 2 expansion, trench dredging and backfilling in northern Russia, and the construction of several offshore wind farms in the North Sea. Van Oord is an independent family business and employs about 5,000 professionals worldwide. Its modern fleet consists of more than a hundred vessels and other specialised equipment.

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