

PRESS RELEASE

Van Oord awarded large Mexican land reclamation project

Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 3 June 2019 – Yesterday, the Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, gave the ‘go-ahead’ for the land reclamation associated with the new PEMEX (Petróleos Mexicanos) refinery in Dos Bocas, Tabasco. Within 10 months, Van Oord will reclaim 12 million cubic metres of sand to create 600 hectares of new land.

‘PEMEX awarded the project with a contract value of approximately EUR 235 million to a consortium of Van Oord and Grupo Huerta Madre S.A.P.I. de C.V.’ says Mark Roelofs, one of Van Oord’s Dredging Directors. ‘We will deploy one of our largest cutter suction dredgers, type Athena, and a medium- size trailing suction hopper dredger for the land reclamation.’ The project also includes 400 hectares of dynamic compaction and 6 million cubic metres of dry earth movement.

When operational, the Dos Bocas refinery will process around 340,000 barrels of heavy crude oil per day. This will make Mexico self-sufficient in the field of refined fuel products and enhance Mexico’s independency.

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 almost 5,000 staff, who worked in 2018 on 190 projects in 46 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 celebrated its 150th anniversary and was granted the title ‘Royal’.

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