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## Successful naming and launch ceremony for 'AL BAHAR' C/D HUTA 12 by IHC Merwede

IHC Merwede has successfully named and launched the 23,545kW self-propelled cutter suction dredger 'AL BAHAR' C/D HUTA 12 in a ceremony on 8 March 2014 at the company's shipyard in Kinderdijk, The Netherlands. It is building the innovative vessel for Huta Marine Works, which is based in Saudi Arabia. The ceremony was performed by Ms Sylvia Wuebbens, the daughter of Mr M Wuebbens, the Managing Director of Huta Marine Works.

The contract for the design, construction and delivery of the vessel was signed between Huta Marine Works and IHC Holland, part of IHC Merwede, on 11 October 2012. The keel was laid on 14 August 2013 and the ship will be delivered in the third quarter of 2014.

IHC Merwede was awarded this project due to the reliable technology at its disposal and an excellent track record following the notable delivery of a previous order for Huta Marine Works – the stationary cutter suction dredger AL SAKAB.

'AL BAHAR' C/D HUTA 12 is named after one of the favourite horses of Prophet Muhammad. It means strong, smooth and swift, like the flow of running water.

'AL BAHAR' C/D HUTA 12 has been designed and built using the latest technological developments. She is equipped with separate accommodation for the sailing and operating crews, a travelling deck crane and azimuth thrusters. Special attention has been paid to the maintenance features and accessibility. The vessel will be deployed predominantly on both sides of the Arabian Peninsula, where she will dredge hard soil in difficult climatic conditions.

Fer Tummers, Managing Director of IHC Merwede's Dredging division, said: "Huta Marine Works and IHC Merwede are both proud of the 'AL BAHAR' C/D HUTA 12. We have worked closely with Huta's staff to achieve a successful outcome. Both companies already have a history of strong cooperation, demonstrated by the delivery of the cutter suction dredger AL SAKAB. Once again, we have proven to be a reliable partner with the construction of this high-quality dredger in record time."

### Additional information

Name	'AL BAHAR' C/D HUTA 12
Type	Self-propelled cutter suction dredger
Customer	Huta Marine Works Ltd.
Builder	IHC Holland BV
Length overall	122.5m
Breadth	21.7m
Depth	6.8m
Draught	5m
Dredging depth	28m
Total installed power	23,545kW
Speed	9 knots
Accommodation	40 people

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## Company profile IHC Merwede

IHC Merwede is focussed on the continuous development of design and construction activities for the specialist maritime sector. It is the global market leader for efficient dredging and mining vessels and equipment – with vast experience accumulated over decades – and a reliable supplier of innovative ships and supplies for offshore construction.

IHC Merwede has in-house expertise for engineering and manufacturing integrated standard and custom-built vessels, advanced equipment and also providing life-cycle support. This integrated systematic approach has helped to develop optimum product performance and long-term business partnerships. The company's broad customer base includes dredging operators, oil and gas corporations, offshore contractors and government authorities.

IHC Merwede has over 3,000 employees based at various locations in The Netherlands, Brazil, China, Croatia, France, India, Malaysia, the Middle East, Nigeria, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Technological innovation will remain the company's underlying strength through its continuous investment in research and development. Moreover, it helps to safeguard a sustainable environment.

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