

Suez Canal Authority awards Royal IHC contract for two cutter suction dredgers

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The Egyptian Suez Canal Authority (SCA) has signed a contract with Royal IHC for the design and construction of two custom-built 29,190kW heavy-duty rock cutter suction dredgers (CSDs).

The vessels will have an overall length of 147.4 metres and provide a maximum dredging depth of 35 metres. In addition, they will offer accommodation facilities for 73 people. Equipped with one submerged – and two inboard – dredge pumps, the installed cutter power will be 4,800kW. The CSDs are to be built in The Netherlands and expected to be delivered in 2020.

A standardised IHC Beaver® 45 CSD will also be built by IHC at SCA's shipyard in Egypt, with the aim of improving the local manufacturing capacity for this type of dredging equipment. Alongside the delivery of the three CSDs to SCA, an extensive IHC training programme will be provided, as well as a CSD simulator and a large package of spare parts.

SCA issues and enforces the rules of navigation in the Suez Canal, as well as overseeing other regulations that contribute to an effective and orderly waterway. The CSDs have been specifically designed in close cooperation with SCA, and will be used to maintain and improve the artificial sea-level area that connects the Mediterranean and Red Seas.

"Signing this contract is of great importance for SCA," stresses SCA Chairman and Managing Director Mr. Admiral Mohab Mohamed Hussien Mameesh. "It is a serious step towards upgrading our fleet of dredgers, and means that we will have the world's largest CSDs in terms of dimensions and total power. The new state-of-the-art CSDs from Royal IHC will enable SCA to participate in deepening and widening the waterway and help realise the Egyptian plan to develop local ports".

"We are honoured that SCA has placed its trust in our company once again," says IHC's Executive Director Sales Arnold den Boon. "We are also proud that our long-standing relationship has resulted in the award of this contract and are looking forward to further strengthening our partnership."



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