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Press release

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Royal IHC sets course for continued growth and innovation under new leadership

Royal IHC announces that CEO Derk te Bokkel will hand over his role to Erik-Jan Bijvank with effect from 1 October 2026. CFO Bert-Jaap Dijkstra will also leave the company at the end of October 2026 to continue his career elsewhere.

Derk te Bokkel joined Royal IHC in early 2023 with a mandate to support the company's restart, reposition its business model and further develop its strategy. Since then, Royal IHC has established a solid foundation, a strong market position and a positive outlook for the future. With this important phase now completed, Derk has decided to focus on other professional and personal interests.

The Supervisory Board expresses its sincere appreciation for his commitment and leadership over the past years. "Derk has played an important role in the successful repositioning of Royal IHC. Under his leadership, the organisation has been further strengthened, and a stable foundation has been laid for future growth. We are very grateful for his contribution and wish him every success in his future activities."

Erik-Jan Bijvank has been appointed CEO and successor to Derk te Bokkel. Erik-Jan brings more than thirty years of international experience, gained at companies including Stork and Fugro. Throughout his career, he has built extensive expertise in project-based organisations, asset management and maritime services. Erik-Jan Bijvank will join Royal IHC on 1 September 2026. With his broad experience and in-depth knowledge of the sector, Erik-Jan is well positioned to lead Royal IHC into the next phase of its development.

Frank Verhoeven, Chair of the Supervisory Board of Royal IHC comments: "We are delighted to welcome Erik-Jan as our new CEO. His experience, leadership qualities, and knowledge of the maritime and industrial sectors make him the right person to build on the strong foundation established in recent years. With the successful transformation of recent years as a basis, and Erik-Jan Bijvank joining as CEO, Royal IHC looks forward with confidence to the next phase of its development."

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Royal IHC also announces that CFO Bert-Jaap Dijkstra has decided to continue his career outside the organisation. Over the past two years, Bert-Jaap has made an important contribution to the company's refinancing, the further strengthening of the organisation and the professionalisation of the finance function.

Frank Verhoeven adds: "We would like to congratulate Bert-Jaap with his new position. We thank him for his valuable contribution to Royal IHC and wish him success in the next stage of his career."

The search for a successor has now begun, and discussions with suitable candidates are already well underway.

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About Royal IHC

Royal IHC is determined to play a leading role in making the maritime industry more efficient and sustainable.

Anchored in the rich Dutch maritime history, Royal IHC continues to expand its position as a leading supplier of maritime technology and craftsmanship. With the right expertise on board and driven by innovation, Royal IHC offers a clear competitive advantage to its global customers in the dredging, offshore, mining and defence industries.

With its equipment, vessels and services, Royal IHC provides reliable, integrated solutions to increase customers' operational efficiency and enable more sustainable solutions. In an ever-changing world, our goal remains to find the smartest and safest way forward for both our customers and Royal IHC employees.

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