

Press release

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Royal IHC expands production of Beavers® CSDs at VAHALI Shipyards in Serbia

As a result of the growing demand for Beavers®, Royal IHC has decided to expand its production capacity. In addition to their Dutch production capacity, Royal IHC has selected VAHALI Shipyards to build standard cutter suction dredgers (CSD) at its yard in Serbia. The first steel plates were cut last week, marking the official start of this project.

Royal IHC has been working together with VAHALI Shipyards for quite some time now. VAHALI, originally a Dutch shipbuilder with its headquarters in Gendt (the Netherlands), has experienced significant growth over the last ten years, in particular with the construction of more than 60 river cruise ships. For Royal IHC, VAHALI has already partially built hulls for standardised dredging and mining CSDs. This partnership will now be extended to the construction of the Beaver® 65 DDSP.

Commenting on the partnership with VAHALI Shipyards, Royal IHC COO Bert Jan ter Riet said: "There is a high level of demand for the largest CSD in our Beaver® range. For our customers, fast delivery times are crucial. Therefore, it was necessary to increase the production capacity to continue to ensure availability from stock. As we have come to know VAHALI as a reliable partner who delivers high quality products, we have full confidence in a successful partnership".

Beaver® CSDs are reliable, fuel efficient, have low maintenance costs and are extremely productive at all dredging depths. We have a proven track record of 60 years, with more than 1,000 of these cutter suction dredgers delivered worldwide since 1963.

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The first steel plate was cut in the presence of Bert Jan ter Riet (COO) and Alexander van den Berg (Director Dredging Standard Modular Vessels) of Royal IHC and Kristina Andjelković (CEO) of VAHALI Shipyards.

Note for the editors, not for publication:

Royal IHC is a leading supplier of maritime technology and 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 build on its position as a leading provider 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 clients in the dredging, offshore, mining and defence industries.

Through its equipment, ships and services, Royal IHC delivers 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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