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Royal IHC signs contract with La Congolaise des Voies Maritimes (CVM) for an Easydredge® 2700XL TSHD

Royal IHC and La Congolaise des Voies Maritimes (CVM) have signed a contract for the delivery of an Easydredge® 2700XL trailing suction hopper dredger (TSHD).

The vessel will be customised to meet CVM's specific operational needs, including greater autonomy, upgraded bow thruster and propulsion power, expanded accommodation, and advanced automation systems—optimising performance in challenging riverine conditions.

"We are very pleased to have signed the building contract with Royal IHC for this trailing suction hopper dredger. This new vessel is essential in maintaining navigability along the Congo River, ensuring that we keep the strategic ports of Boma and Matadi accessible. This step sends a strong signal to the maritime operators involved in the Democratic Republic of Congo's international trade, who will now have the opportunity to conduct their business in an environment that offers all the necessary advantages," said Ms. Jeanne Blandine KAWANDA WALWOM, Director General of La Congolaise des Voies Maritimes.

Bert Jan ter Riet, COO of Royal IHC comments: "This contract underscores Royal IHC's commitment to strengthening local dredging capacity within the region. It also fits our strategy for Africa, where we see ports striving for autonomy and a rising interest in dredging."

Royal IHC will deliver a comprehensive service package to support CVM throughout the first year of operation—including planned maintenance software, technical support, experienced crewing, and operational training—ensuring optimal performance from day one.

The TSHD will be built at our partner yard Nam Trieu in Vietnam, as part of our shipbuilding strategy of offering customers a wider range of choices, with the same reliability and quality level.

The Easydredge® 2700XL is part of Royal IHC's proven range of standardised hopper dredgers, designed to combine cost-efficiency, adaptability, and ease of operation. With a hopper capacity of

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approximately 3,300 m³, the vessel is tailored for maintenance dredging and land reclamation projects, offering a robust and versatile solution for La Congolaise des Voies Maritimes.



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About Royal IHC

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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