

DEME and Royal IHC launch TSHD MEUSE RIVER

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday, 16 November 2019, DEME and Royal IHC successfully launched the 7,950m³ trailing suction hopper dredger (TSHD) MEUSE RIVER. The ceremony took place at IHC's shipyard in Krimpen aan den IJssel, the Netherlands.

MEUSE RIVER has the same innovative design as the award winning IHC-built TSHD SCHELDT RIVER, which joined the DEME fleet in 2017 and since then operated non-stop on waterways and access channels in Europe.

MEUSE RIVER features several energy smart technologies, developed by DEME and IHC, such as a hybrid dredge pump drive system to reduce the effect of load variations. For automation of the dredging process, IHC developed the intelligent IHC ECO automation package, which results in high dredge performance. Additionally, fuel efficiency is achieved with two-speed propulsion and combinator mode, optimising fuel consumption in sailing and dredging conditions.

The vessel will reinforce the DEME fleet in 2020.

Luc Vandenbulcke, CEO of DEME: *"With our multi-year investment programme, we aim to operate the most technologically advanced fleet in the industry. We want to make sure our fleet is futureproof by continually pursuing enhanced productivity and efficiency goals. Building on the success of our pioneering TSHD SCHELDT RIVER we can provide our customers with an identical, versatile and highly efficient vessel for a wide range of dredging activities."*

Dave Vander Heyde, CEO of Royal IHC: *"We are proud that after we've successfully delivered SCHELDT RIVER to DEME, we've reached this milestone for MEUSE RIVER – another IHC-built TSHD prefitted to be capable of operating on LNG. The partnership with DEME has proven to be successful in the past, and we are pleased to continue our partnership with them by adding more value and technical capabilities to their advanced fleet."*



**THE TECHNOLOGY
INNOVATOR.**



Note for the editors, not for publication:

About Royal IHC

In an ever-changing political and economic landscape, Royal IHC enables its customers to execute complex projects from sea level to ocean floor in the most challenging of maritime environments.

We are a reliable supplier of innovative and efficient equipment, vessels and services for the offshore, dredging and wet mining markets. With a history steeped in Dutch shipbuilding since the mid-17th Century, we have in-depth knowledge and expertise of engineering and manufacturing high-performance integrated vessels and equipment, and providing sustainable services. From our head office in The Netherlands and with 3,000 employees working from sites and offices on a global basis, we are able to ensure a local presence and support on every continent.

Dredging operators, oil and gas corporations, offshore contractors, mining houses and government authorities all over the world benefit from IHC's high-quality solutions and services. With our commitment to technological innovation, in which sustainability and safety are key, we strive to continuously meet the specific needs of each customer in a rapidly evolving world.

For more information on Royal IHC, visit www.royalihc.com

For more information please contact:

Ms Eveline Bos – Communication Manager

e.bos@royalihc.com - T + 31 88 015 4585 or M + 31 6 20 25 13 23

About DEME

DEME is a world leader in the highly specialised fields of dredging, marine engineering and environmental remediation. The company can build on more than 140 years of know-how and experience and has fostered a pioneering approach throughout its history, being a front runner in innovation and new technologies.

DEME's vision is to work towards a sustainable future by offering solutions for global challenges: a rising sea level, a growing population, reduction of CO2 emissions, polluted rivers and soils and the scarcity of natural resources. Although DEME's activities originated with the core dredging business, the portfolio diversified substantially over the decades, including dredging and land reclamation, solutions for the offshore energy market, infra marine solutions and environmental solutions.

While the company's roots are in Belgium, DEME has built a strong presence in all of the world's seas and continents, operating in more than 90 countries worldwide. DEME can rely on 5,200 highly skilled professionals across the globe. With a versatile and modern fleet of over 100 vessels, backed by a broad range of auxiliary equipment, the company can provide solutions for even the most complex projects.

DEME achieved a turnover of 2.65 billion euros in 2018. www.deme-group.com

For additional information, please contact:

Ms Vicky Cosemans, Head of Communications DEME Group

cosemans.vicky@deme-group.com - M: +32 496 588 645 - T: +32 3 250 59 22



**THE TECHNOLOGY
INNOVATOR.**

