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IHC Mining joins World Ocean Council

IHC Mining, part of Royal IHC (IHC), has announced that it has become a member of the World Ocean Council (WOC) to add to the growing global industry alliance for “corporate ocean responsibility”. As a leader in responsible dredging and offshore mining activities, it is expanding its scope as one of the pioneers in deep-sea mining with initiatives such as this.

Using its extensive mining and ocean expertise, IHC Mining is working towards reaching deep-sea mineral deposits. This is being achieved with the support of a dedicated research and development programme, as well as through its position as a leader of the EU Blue Mining project. It is also demonstrating its commitment to understanding and addressing the environmental aspects of seabed mining through its participation in the EU Midas Project and other similar programmes.

IHC Mining's Managing Director, Henk van Muijen, says, “IHC Mining is pleased to become a WOC member. With activities such as the recent Business Forum on Ocean Policy and Planning, it is creating valuable opportunities for ocean industry collaboration and leadership on issues critical to the future of seabed mining.”

Rodney Norman, IHC Deep Sea Mining Director, adds, “The WOC provides a unique forum that enables IHC Mining to work with other ocean industries on key challenges and opportunities related to the responsible, science-based development of ocean resources.”

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Profile Royal IHC

Royal IHC (IHC) is focused on the continuous development of design and construction activities for the specialist maritime sector. It is the global market leader for efficient dredging and mining vessels and equipment – with vast experience accumulated over decades – and a reliable supplier of innovative ships and supplies for offshore construction.

IHC has in-house expertise for engineering and manufacturing integrated standard and custom-built vessels, advanced equipment and also providing life-cycle support. This integrated systematic approach has helped to develop optimum product performance and long-term business partnerships.



The company's broad customer base includes dredging operators, oil and gas corporations, offshore contractors and government authorities.

IHC has over 3,000 employees based at various locations in The Netherlands, Brazil, China, Croatia, France, India, Malaysia, the Middle East, Nigeria, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Technological innovation will remain the company's underlying strength through its continuous investment in research and development. Moreover, it helps to safeguard a sustainable environment.

For more information on Royal IHC, visit <http://www.ihcmerwede.com>; for more information on IHC Mining, visit <http://www.ihcmerwede.com/mining>

Profile World Ocean Council (WOC)

The WOC is the only international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership and collaboration in "Corporate Ocean Responsibility". Companies and associations worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in ocean sustainability, stewardship and science by joining the WOC.

Members to date include over 70 leadership organisations from a wide range of ocean industries: oil and gas, shipping, seafood, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology, maritime law, marine environmental services and other areas.

For the current list of WOC Members, please [click here](#). The WOC News Release is received by over 34,000 ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered organisation in the US and the UK/Europe.

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