



# Press release

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## **Van Oord and Boskalis reinforce Delflandse coast in the Netherlands**

Van Oord and Royal Boskalis Westminster nv have been awarded a contract by the Dutch Directorate General for Public Works and Water Management to reinforce a weak link in the 'Delflandse coast'. The contract is worth € 120 million of which Van Oord and Boskalis have an equal share.

The project entails the engineering and construction of extra dunes and the widening of the beach from Hoek van Holland to the Scheveningen harbor. A new nature area covering 35 hectares will also be created between Hoek van Holland and 's Gravenzande. This wet dune valley is a compensation measure for the construction of the second Maasvlakte, the extension of the Rotterdam harbor area.

The Dutch Directorate General for Public Works and Water Management has designated ten 'weak links' in the Dutch coastline that need reinforcement. The Delflandse coast is the largest sub-project in this initiative and by the end of 2011 approximately 18 million m<sup>3</sup> of sand will have been discharged on the foreshore, beach and dunes. Van Oord and Boskalis will be deploying a range of trailing suction hopper dredgers on the project.

The market in which Boskalis operates is driven by long-term factors, such as increases in the global population and climate change.

**Royal Boskalis Westminster nv is an international group with a leading position in the world market for dredging services. Its core activities are the construction and maintenance of ports and waterways, land reclamation, coastal defense and riverbank protection. The company holds important home market positions in and outside of Europe and targets all market segments in the dredging industry. It also has positions in strategic partnerships in the Middle East (Archirodon) and in offshore services (Lamnalco). Boskalis has a versatile fleet of over 300 units and operates in over 50 countries across five continents. Including its share in partnerships, Boskalis has approximately 8,000 employees.**

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