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# press release

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## **Boskalis and Van Oord build Second Maasvlakte**

The Rotterdam Port Authority announced its intention today to grant the construction work for Maasvlakte 2 to a consortium consisting of Royal Boskalis Westminster nv and Van Oord nv. The contract will be signed early next year.

The consortium will build the first section of Maasvlakte 2 between 2008 and 2013. The work includes the construction of sea defenses, the first harbor areas, 2.5 km of quay walls, and the road and rail links needed to provide access to Maasvlakte 2. After the completion of the work, the consortium will also provide maintenance for Maasvlakte 2 for the first five years. The contract involves a total of approximately € 1 billion, 50% of which is for Boskalis.

*Peter Berdowski, Boskalis CEO:*

“We are pleased and proud as a Dutch company to be involved in this major project in our own country. The Second Maasvlakte confirms the position of the Netherlands as a leading nation in maritime construction.”

More information on Maasvlakte 2 can be found on <http://www.maasvlakte2.com>.

The Maasvlakte 2 project relates to the growing global transport of containers and base materials. Main drivers of the maritime transport market are the growth of the global economy and international trade volumes. Similar projects are developed across all continents, for instance in Abu Dhabi, Brazil, the UK, Germany, Holland, the UAE, Korea and Australia.

**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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