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Third contract awarded to JV Van Oord Australia – Dredging International Australia (DEME) for Western Basin Main Works Dredging at Gladstone, Australia

Rotterdam / Zwijndrecht – 9 August 2011. Van Oord Australia Pty Ltd and Dredging International (Australia) Pty Ltd, member of the DEME Group, have been awarded a third contract for the Western Basin Main Works Dredging at the Port of Gladstone. This third contract signed with the Gladstone Ports Corporation on 15th July 2011 represents a value of AUD 120 million (EUR 90 million) and involves the dredging of Parcel 7 for the Western Basin Development. The total value of the three contracts awarded to date by the Gladstone Ports Corporation to the Joint Venture for the same Western Basin development exceeds AUD 925 million (EUR 695 million).

The dredging volume of Parcel 7 will be approximately 2.9 million m³ for the construction of one coal berth, comprising a berth pocket, berth pocket extension, departure/arrival channel and a swing basin. The multi-billion dollar industry-funded Wiggins Island Coal Terminal is expected to provide 80 million tonnes per annum in additional export coal capacity through the Port of Gladstone once fully commissioned. The Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal Pty Ltd (WICET) is owned and being developed by existing and potential coal exporters in Queensland.

The total scope of work for all three contracts awarded to date to the JV Van Oord Australia Pty Ltd and Dredging International (Australia) Pty Ltd includes the dredging of various channels, swing basins and bypass channels for the access to various berth pockets, embarkation docks and material offloading facilities. The total dredging volume of the three contracts will exceed 27 million m³ of dredged material.

Dredging has commenced in early June and will be completed in 2014. A heavy-duty cutter suction dredger with floating booster stations, a large trailing suction hopper dredger, two backhoe dredgers, a backactor and a spread of split barges will be deployed to execute these important dredging assignments.

Special attention will be given to the Environmental Management and the Management of the Possible Acid Sulphate Soil in the reclamation area. All environmental and dredging plans are verified and permits are in place.

The dredging of the Western Basin Dredging Project will facilitate both the provision of increased long term export coal capacity and the export of the LNG produced at the facilities under construction in Gladstone. The AUD 1.3 billion (EUR 985 million) development of the Western Basin area will expand the footprint of Queensland's largest multi-commodity port and will make the Port of Gladstone one of the largest ports in Australia.

About Van Oord

Van Oord is a leading international contractor specialising in dredging, marine engineering and offshore projects for the oil, gas and wind-related industries and an innovative partner for its clients. For more than a century Van Oord has been working to create the marine engineering world of tomorrow. Van Oord is a family business with its head office in Rotterdam and a network of offices around the world. Each year Van Oord employs 4,600 people on more than two hundred projects in fifty countries.

The growing world population needs more space and the demand for energy is increasing constantly. The rising volume of world trade requires more and better port facilities and climate change is threatening low-lying coastal areas. Van Oord provides innovative solutions, from design to delivery. Visible leadership, long-term vision and sound financing are what define Van Oord. Its ongoing investments in manpower and equipment are made with great care, because continuity constitutes the foundation of its ability to do business.

About DEME

The Belgian dredging, environmental and marine engineering group DEME was established in 1991 from the merger between Dredging International and Baggerwerken Decloedt. A global market leader, the Group diversified from dredging operations and reclamation to hydraulic engineering projects at sea, services to the oil and gas companies, wreck clearance, installation of offshore wind farms and environmental activities such as soil remediation, sludge recycling and revalidation of brownfields. The Group owns one of the most up-to-date, highly technological and versatile fleets for dredging and hydraulic engineering, with vessels and ships of all sizes and for any operational area. DEME employs more than 4,000 people, The Flemish Group is implementing more than 70 projects simultaneously in over 50 countries around the world. Its current investment programme in high-tech equipment enables DEME to meet future challenges with an ultra-efficient and modern fleet.

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