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DEME ORDERS NEXT-GENERATION TRAILING SUCTION HOPPER DREDGER

DEME is further reinforcing its dredging fleet with the construction of a new 22,000 m³ trailing suction hopper dredger (TSHD), which will strengthen its long-term competitiveness in capital and maintenance dredging, land reclamation, and offshore seabed preparation. Designed to deliver a step-change in productivity, the new vessel will combine a structurally lower cost per dredged cubic meter and reduced greenhouse gas intensity compared to existing vessels in this segment. With this substantial investment¹, DEME is continuing to future-proof its fleet and respond to the growing demand for efficiency, sustainability, and technological innovation across its global dredging activities.

Christopher Iwens, Managing Director Dredging at DEME, stated: “The introduction of this next-generation trailing suction hopper dredger represents a strategic investment in the advancement of our dredging fleet. By integrating material productivity gains with significantly improved fuel efficiency and ensuring adaptability for future fuels and automation, DEME is reinforcing its competitive position while preparing its operations for long-term sustainability.”

Designed for efficiency and future fuel flexibility

Fuel efficiency is one of the key differentiators in the dredging market, and this new vessel will incorporate the best available technologies. Furthermore, its design accommodates future fuel transitions toward (green) methanol and the integration of enhanced autonomous dredging features, ensuring long-term flexibility and future readiness. The TSHD will feature an advanced power plant and propulsion system, a hydrodynamically optimized hull, more efficient dredging technology, and a high level of automation. All of this will contribute to improved productivity, energy efficiency, and operational reliability, resulting in cost competitiveness.

A large-scale TSHD designed for capital dredging and land reclamation

With a hopper capacity of 22,000 m³, this new shallow-draft trailing suction hopper dredger will strengthen DEME’s position in the large-scale segment of the global dredging market. The vessel has been engineered to obtain optimal productivity and efficiency for capital dredging, land reclamation, and major port development projects, while focusing on operational excellence.

The vessel will be constructed under DEME’s supervision, with the main structure built in China and outfitting and final completion carried out in Singapore, in line with European maritime standards. Delivery of the vessel is scheduled for 2029. With more than 50 dredging vessels, DEME operates one of the largest and most versatile dredging fleets in the industry.

¹ A substantial investment represents a value between 150 and 300 million euros.

About DEME

DEME (Euronext Brussels: DEME) is a leading contractor in the fields of offshore energy, dredging and marine infrastructure, and environmental remediation. DEME also engages in concessions activities in offshore wind, marine infrastructure, green hydrogen, and deep-sea mineral harvesting. The company can build on 150 years of experience and is a front-runner in innovation and new technologies. DEME's vision is to work towards a sustainable future by offering solutions for global challenges: climate change, a growing population and urbanization, increasing maritime trade, and environmental issues. With a team of approximately 6,000 highly skilled professionals and one of the most advanced fleets in the world, DEME is well-positioned to tackle even the most complex projects. DEME realized a turnover of 4.2 billion euros with an EBITDA of 931 million euros in 2025. For more information, please visit www.deme-group.com.

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