



## **Important addition to the fleet: Shipbuilding contract for a multi- purpose 5450 m<sup>3</sup> TSHD signed.**

Group De Cloedt formally ordered in December 2016 a multi-purpose 5450 m<sup>3</sup> TSHD (to be named 'DC Orisant'). The ship will be built by IHC for a joint venture between Den Herder (Reimerswaal Dredging) and Group De Cloedt. The cooperation with Reimerswaal Dredging enables Group De Cloedt to tap into the substantial shipbuilding experience of the team around Bert Den Herder. The ship will become operational Q2 2018.



DC Orisant can perform a wide range of projects due to the integrated vessel design and dredging, screening and unloading equipment. The dredge installation has especially been designed to dredge marine aggregates (sand and gravel) for the construction industry. The vessel is also extremely suitable to perform regular dredging projects such as maintenance dredging and beach nourishment. The DP2 installation also enables the vessel to perform support activities for the construction of offshore wind farms.

It is the first complete diesel electric aggregate dredger in the market, which enables the dredger to sail on the most economic speed in all circumstances. The arrangement of the dredger makes it very flexible and a high operational reliability.

With this investment Group De Cloedt grows its position as a leading supplier of marine aggregates.

The vessel will mainly operate from the Danish and Baltic sea gravel concessions and will enable the Group De Cloedt companies in Northern Europe to expand their market.



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