

Press release

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Gebr. van der Lee opts for sustainable trailing suction hopper dredger Beagle® 4 from IHC Dredging

IHC Dredging has sold a Beagle® 4, a trailing suction hopper dredger with a hopper volume of 4,000 m³, to contractor Gebr. van der Lee. The Dutch family business was looking for a sustainable trailing suction hopper dredger with this hopper volume available on short term. The Beagle® 4 is a trailing suction hopper dredger from the series of 'standard' medium-sized hoppers from IHC Dredging, which are equipped with the latest innovations and state-of-the-art dredging equipment.

Ecological footprint

For Gebr. van der Lee, active in the Dutch dredging market, the ecological footprint of the trailing suction hopper dredger was an important selection criterion. Eddy van der Lee, general director of Gebr. van der Lee: "Rijkswaterstaat, the client of many Dutch dredging projects, focuses on the use of cleaner dredgers. That is why we wanted to be convinced that the new trailing suction hopper dredger scores well on the environmental cost indicator, a critical success factor for winning tenders. IHC Dredging has succeeded in doing that."

Sustainable fleet expansion

The Beagle® 4 is not only known for its excellent dredging performance. It has an optimized hull shape for the lowest resistance possible and is also equipped with a well-balanced efficient engine room. This combination results in best-in-class fuel efficiency with adequate low greenhouse gas emissions. Together with an exhaust gas treatment that meets the IMO Tier III emission standards, the Beagle® 4 is a sustainable addition to the Gebr. van der Lee's current fleet.

Perfect match of supply and demand

Ronald van Son, Director Dredging Custom Vessels at IHC Dredging: "This order is a textbook example of supply and demand coming together at the right time. The technical specifications and short delivery time of the Beagle® 4 perfectly matched the wishes of Gebr. van der Lee. We are extremely proud of this collaboration and the fact that this Beagle® 4, which was built entirely in the Netherlands, will also be working in the Netherlands."

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The Beagle® series is based on a proven design of trailing suction hopper dredgers with a hopper volume ranging from 4,000 to 12,000 m³. The Beagle® is designed for a wide range of dredging activities and is known for its high efficiency and maximum uptime.

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Company Profile

IHC Dredging is part of Royal IHC, a leading supplier of maritime technology. Royal IHC is determined to play a leading role in making the maritime industry more efficient and sustainable.

Anchored in rich Dutch maritime history, Royal IHC sets out to expand its position as a leading supplier of maritime technology and expert craftsmanship. With the right people with the right skill set on board, and driven by innovation, we provide a clear competitive edge to our worldwide customers in the dredging, offshore, mining and defence industries. More than equipment, vessels and services, we deliver reliable, integrated solutions that improve operational efficiency and allow for a more sustainable performance. As we navigate new waters in an ever-changing world, our aim remains finding the smartest and safest way forward for both our customers and our people. Working together, we are creating the maritime future.

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