

Press release

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Royal IHC supplies first Easydredge TSHD to Mexican Navy

Royal IHC has today delivered an Easydredge® 2700 trailing suction hopper dredger (TSHD) to SEMAR (Secretaria de Marina) at the Port of Veracruz in Mexico. The BAHIA SAN CARLOS was built from stock at the Krimpen aan de IJssel and Kinderdijk shipyards in the Netherlands. Being built from the stock program allowed Royal IHC to comply with SEMAR's request for an ultra-short delivery time.

Following successful sea trials in the North Sea in October, the new vessel was delivered on time on 16 December for deployment on a national maintenance programme by the Mexican Navy. This will involve deepening rivers on the country's east coast and helping to prevent flooding in Tabasco.

As the Easydredge® is a standardised series of vessels, it benefits from short lead times and is a cost-effective option for customers seeking quick delivery. The vessels are equipped to perform all normal dredging operations, are easy to operate. Their straight forward design and reliability of the vessel incorporate decades of hopper dredge innovation and will contribute to the efficiency of the SEMAR dredge fleet.

The BAHIA SAN CARLOS was outfitted with standard options as well as client specific modifications including a hydrographic presentation system (DTPS) and the Operations Monitoring application for onshore monitoring and supporting of the operation. In line with the Royal IHC philosophy to remain engaged with their client during the operations, as a total solution partner, extensive training for the crew has been provided and spare parts for the vessel supplied.

The relation with SEMAR dates back to the eighties when they first purchased dredger the Ciudad del Carmen. "Last year SEMAR purchased a Beaver® from Royal IHC and recognises its vast experience and proven track record in the dredging market," says Ronald van Son, Director Dredging Vessels. "The fast delivery time of less than a year was a crucial factor in its decision to order the Easydredge®. This project has run very smoothly, and everything has gone according to schedule."

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SEMAR also recognises the quality and added value provided by Royal IHC, particularly in terms of training and spare parts. Project Manager Jan Willem Stuurman says: “We had an excellent relationship with the new crew – they were really enthusiastic about the vessel and commented on the high level of quality.”

The BAHIA SAN CARLOS is the sixth Easydredge® vessel to be sold by Royal IHC and the company believes demand for its modular TSHDs will increase further. The line-up comprises four vessel sizes: Easydredge®700, 1700, 2700 and 3700, which range in volume from 500 to 4,000m³.

For more information, please visit www.royalihc.com
<https://www.royalihc.com/en/products/dredging/hopper-dredging/easydredge-trailing-suction-hopper-dredger>

Easydredge® 2700

Hopper capacity (m³) 2,700
Deadweight (tonnes) 4,140
Max draught (m) 5.50
Suction tube diameter (mm) 700
Max dredging depth (m) 25
Speed (kn) 11.5
Complement (persons) 14

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Company Profile



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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