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### Two new tugs ‘Rotterdam’ and ‘Southampton’ taken into service by Kotug Smit Towage

Kotug Smit Towage has taken the two sister tugs ASD 2913 ‘Rotterdam’ and ‘Southampton’ into service for its European harbour towage. The tugs were built by Damen Shipyards.

Recently, the tugs ‘Rotterdam’ and ‘Southampton’ commenced their harbour towage activities, starting in the Port of Rotterdam and the Port of Zeebrugge respectively.

Both tugs have a length of 29 meters, a width of 13 meters and a bollard pull in excess of 80 tons. The ‘Southampton’ is equipped with a fire-fighting<sup>1</sup> system. The tugs were selected for their high performance and short delivery time. The characteristics of these tugs match the fleet of tugs Kotug Smit is currently operating and fit perfectly into its European harbour towage operations.

Jeroen van Rookhuijzen, General Manager Operations Rotterdam, mentioned: *“We welcome the ‘Rotterdam’ in the Port of Rotterdam to assist all types of vessels of our clients at the Maasvlakte 2 and the Rotterdam area.”*



Geert Vandecappelle, General Manager Operations Scheldt Area, stated: *“We are glad that the ‘Southampton’ will complement our fleet of tugs operating in Zeebrugge to meet and exceed our clients’ needs.”*



#### About Kotug Smit Towage

Kotug Smit Towage was established on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016, following the merger of the European harbour towage services of KOTUG (part of Kotug International) and SMIT (subsidiary of Boskalis). It is a leading provider of harbour towage services in north-western Europe, operating in 12 ports in Belgium, Germany, The Netherlands and The United Kingdom. Kotug Smit's high quality services meet the required operational and safety standards in the maritime industry, enabling them to achieve a leading position in the European ports. [www.kotugsmit.eu](http://www.kotugsmit.eu)