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Kotug Smit Towage performs naming ceremony for tugs 'Rotterdam' & 'Beagle'

On 13th June 2018, the naming ceremony of the newly-built Damen tugs 'Rotterdam' and 'Beagle' took place in the Port of Rotterdam, during Kotug Smit Towage's annual 'Maatjes-party' (Herring with friends, a traditional Dutch event to mark the beginning of the herring season).

During 2017 and 2018, Kotug Smit Towage has taken four newly-built Damen tugs into service for its European harbour towage activities. Two of this quartet, the 'Rotterdam' and 'Beagle' are currently operating in the Port of Rotterdam.

The 'Rotterdam' is an ASD Tug 2913 and has a bollard pull in excess of 80 tonnes. The tug is renowned for its manoeuvrability and environmentally efficient performance. The naming ceremony of 'Rotterdam' was performed by Lady Sponsor Ms Janet van Bergen, the partner of Captain Tjitte de Groot, President of the Regional Pilots' Corporation Rotterdam-Rijnmond.

Naming ceremony tug
'Rotterdam', performed by
Ms Janet van Bergen



The 'Beagle' is an ATD Tug 2412 Twin Fin. With her 72 tonne bollard pull, she combines compactness with manoeuvrability. The naming ceremony of 'Beagle' was performed by Lady Sponsor Ms Renee Naaktgeboren. In 2017, Renee received the Young Port Talent award in Rotterdam. This award is intended for committed and talented young people between 20 and 30 years of age, who work in the Port of Rotterdam with passion and enthusiastic drive.

Naming ceremony tug
'Beagle', performed by
Ms Renee Naaktgeboren



Kotug Smit Towage's CEO René Raaijmakers: "The presence of over 550 guests from the maritime community who attended our annual 'Maatjes-party', made this day extra special and enjoyable. It proves that towage is all about people. The event was held at the premises of Kotug Smit Towage's Mate of the Year 'Diving & Salvage Company W. Smit' in Rotterdam, which was ideal for the occasion. We are grateful for the commitment of both Lady Sponsors".

About Kotug Smit Towage

Kotug Smit Towage was established on 7th 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