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# HUISMAN AND IHC MERWEDE INTO INTEGRATED OFFSHORE DRILLING VESSELS

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**Dutch-based design and construction companies Huisman and IHC Merwede announce the further expansion of their current successful cooperation. Besides the design and manufacturing of fully integrated offshore construction vessels, they will now join forces in providing integrated offshore drilling vessels.**

Huisman has extensive experience in designing and building equipment for the offshore industry, ranging from pipehandling equipment to heave compensation systems, from pipelaying systems to heavylift cranes. In addition, the company has become an active player in the drilling market during the past few years.

Examples of current Huisman equipment under construction include two sets of drilling equipment for the Frontier/Shell Bully drill ships and the constructing of a semi-submersible drilling rig, JBF 12000. Their Land and Offshore Containerised (LOC) 400 rig, succeeding the LOC 250 which was introduced in the market in 2005, is an easy to transport drilling rig that combines conventional drilling with CWD (Casing While Drilling) processes. All Huisman equipment includes several innovative design features facilitating more-effective and cost-efficient drilling, offering improvement in exploration and production business performance.

IHC Merwede is one of the leading yards in the Netherlands and constructs 'one-off' or 'limited' series of ships, where the fulfilment of customer-specific requirements demands the implementation of innovative and modern engineering solutions.

The IHC Merwede Offshore Division understands the client's requirements and has the ability to provide innovative solutions. Specific demands result in dedicated designs. Ships built by IHC Merwede provide cost-effective solutions, not only when newly acquired but also throughout their working life.

The key to IHC Merwede's success in the offshore shipbuilding market is that it can build a vessel exactly according to the client's wishes and requirements with all equipment fully integrated and commissioned as a turnkey delivery. The productivity of IHC Merwede's yards in combination with IHC Merwede's flexible organisation and hands-on management provides a high quality project at a controlled cost level and with a low risk profile.

Huisman and IHC Merwede have established a long history in jointly delivering highly efficient pipelay, reelay and flexlay vessels for the offshore construction industry. Upcoming new projects include a well intervention vessel, two deepwater construction vessels and two diving support vessels.



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Both companies are looking forward to expand their collaboration and accordingly provide the industry with spectacular new products.

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### Notes to editors:

#### About Huisman

Huisman is specialised in designing and constructing heavylifting, pipelaying and drilling equipment for the international shipping, offshore and civil industry. The equipment is designed and manufactured under own management, from concept to commissioning. Huisman is a world market leader in heavy lifting equipment and complex pipe laying solutions and is currently actively involved in the drilling market. The company currently has production facilities in the Netherlands, Czech Republic and China.

[www.huisman.info](http://www.huisman.info)

#### About IHC Merwede

IHC Merwede is focused on the continuous development of its design and construction activities for the specialised shipbuilding sector, in particular the dredging and offshore industries.

IHC Merwede is world market leader in the construction of specialist dredging equipment and complex custom-built offshore vessels. The clients of IHC Merwede include major dredging companies, oil and gas exploration groups, offshore contractors and government authorities.

IHC Merwede has a staff of approximately 2,400 at its locations in Hardinxveld-Giessendam, Kinderdijk, Krimpen aan den IJssel, Sliedrecht, Rotterdam, Apeldoorn, Delfgauw, Goes, Hendrik Ido Ambacht and Heusden. There are also branches in Houston (USA), Riding Mill (UK), India, China, the Middle East, Russia and Singapore.

[www.ihcmerwede.com](http://www.ihcmerwede.com)

#### Jointly (to be) delivered construction vessels

Pipelay vessel Toisa Perseus (1997), flexlay vessel Toisa Proteus (1999), reelay vessel Seven Oceans (2007), flexlay vessel Seven Seas (2008), well intervention vessel for Helix (2008), deepwater construction vessel for Hornbeck (2008) and for Superior Offshore (2008), diving support vessel Toisa Pegasus (2008) and diving support vessel Seven Atlantic (2009).

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