

PRESS RELEASE

Major contract award for construction of second lock in Waaslandhaven

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The Antwerp Port Authority has commissioned the Joint Venture, comprising Jan De Nul NV (1/3), CEI-De Meyer and Betonac (both part of the Royal BAM Group 1/3) and Herbosch-Kiere and Antwerpse Bouwwerken (both being part of Eiffage 1/3) for the construction of the second lock in the Waaslandhaven. The construction contract is valued EUR 272.811.656, excluding VAT.

The construction of the new lock will be one of the largest infrastructure works in the near future in Flanders. Currently, the Waaslandhaven can only be reached by the Kallo lock, which is working at full capacity. The construction of a second lock is therefore necessary, in order to improve traffic flow to the Waaslandhaven.

The second lock in the Waaslandhaven will be a sea lock with the same plan dimensions as the Berendrecht lock with a length of 500 m and a width of 68 m. The new lock will have a deeper draught than the Berendrecht lock making it the largest sea lock in the world.

The building consortium will start working on 24 October 2011. The project will take approximately 53 months. During this period 800,000 m³ concrete will be poured, 55,000 ton reinforcement will be placed and 12,000 steel will be incorporated in the lock gates and bridges.

Additional Information

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