PRESS RELEASE

IADC INTRODUCES SAFETY AWARD FOR SUPPLY CHAIN ORGANISATIONS

Voorburg, The Netherlands, 4 March 2020 – For several years, the IADC Safety Award was granted to safety innovations made for the dredging industry. IADC today announces that as of 2020, two safety awards will be given: one to a dredging organisation and a second will be granted to a supply chain organisation active in the dredging industry. This concerns subcontractors and suppliers of goods and services. As of today, nominations for both awards can be submitted.

“As IADC we realise that suppliers of dredging contractors play an important role in increasing safety by offering innovative solutions with the help of the latest technical developments”, says René Kolman, Secretary General at IADC. “Our Safety Award is intended to encourage the development of safety skills on the job and to reward people and companies demonstrating diligence in safety awareness in the performance of their profession. The Award will continue to recognise the exceptional safety performance of a particular project, product, ship, team or employees.

WHY A SAFETY AWARD?
Safety is always a top priority and it is not a one-time effort. Constant vigilance requires innovation. And good ideas should be recognised and publicised. These ideas are a contribution to the dredging industry as a whole. The IADC Safety Award seeks to:

- stimulate ideas in the workplace,
- encourage the development of safety skills on the job and safety awareness,
- reward people and companies who make it possible to work safer.
- reward those who demonstrate special diligence in safety awareness in performing their profession.

A RISKY REALITY
Dredging operations are risky. The dredging industry pays a lot of attention to safety. It maintains a level of safety in line with the offshore oil & gas sectors. The IADC and its members are committed to safeguarding their employees, and to pursuing improvements in guaranteeing a safe and healthy work environment.

IADC members have always been committed to reducing the number of industry accidents and incidents to zero. More than a decade ago, they took their commitment a step further and established the Lost Time Injury (LTI) index. This index has helped track accidents, incidents and their causes, and has resulted in a continuous decline of mishaps amongst dredging contractors since its inception.
Again, to further safety goals, in November 2013, QHSE experts from the member companies were recruited to form the IADC Safety Committee. Through this committee, contractors are able to share safety experiences and best practices. In a next step, the committee established the annual IADC Safety Award. The award encourages the development of on-the-job safety skills and rewards people and companies demonstrating diligence in safety awareness in the performance of their professions.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE IADC SAFETY AWARD
The Award seeks to identify the exceptional safety performance of a particular project, product, ship, team or employee. The Award is open to all companies active in dredging and its related industries. Companies may submit multiple nominations but each submission requires a separate registration form to be completed. Nominations must be supported by a document that describes the details of the accomplishments. The identified work should be described and supported with evidence by means of safety record(s), objectives reached and other relevant information. Click here for further information or go to IADC’s website: www.iadc-dredging.com.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
31 May 2020

WHEN IS THE SAFETY AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED?
The IADC Board of Directors will present the winner of the Safety Awards at the IADC Annual General Meeting on 18 September 2019 in Krakow, Poland.

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IADC stands for “International Association of Dredging Companies” and is the global umbrella organisation for contractors in the private dredging industry. As such IADC is dedicated to not only promoting the skills, integrity and reliability of its members, but also the dredging industry in general. IADC has over a hundred main and associated members. Together they represent the forefront of the dredging industry. For more information visit www.iadc-dredging.com.