**European Dredging Summit 2019**

**Rotterdam, The Netherlands**

**6 – 7 March, 2019**

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**TRELLEBORG TO BE HEADLINE SPONSOR OF THE 4TH EUROPEAN DREDGING SUMMIT**

Trelleborg will, as a headline sponsor of this year’s European Dredging Summit 2019 that takes place on the 6 and 7 March in Rotterdam in the Netherlands, be opening its doors to the dredging industry as part of an exclusive knowledge sharing event. Delegates will have a unique opportunity to partake in a complimentary pre-conference visit during the afternoon of Tuesday 5 March, to Trelleborg’s 23,000 meter square manufacturing facility in Ridderkerk, where it produces its dredging hoses.

At the summit, Mishra Kumar, Global Technical Director for Trelleborg’s infrastructure operation, will give a technical presentation on 6 March at 11:35 am. This will be on the subject of the impact of chemical characteristics of rubber compounds on the lifespan and performance of hoses in dredging applications. Mishra will discuss the production process of a dredging hose, and in the absence of enforceable industry standards and guidelines, propose rubber compound testing methods to help guarantee long-term performance.

Richard Hepworth, Business Unit President responsible for the infrastructure business within Trelleborg said; “With rapidly changing economic, technological innovation and global environmental and trade developments, dredging operations are under constant pressure to adapt to new challenges. By 2020, the global dredging market is estimated to be worth nearly 16.5 billion USD\*, in part due to growing global populations, particularly in coastal areas. The conference presents the ideal platform to discuss the new business strategies emerging and engage in interactive discussions tackling the latest challenges head on.

“We are delighted to be able to offer delegates the unique opportunity of visiting our manufacturing facility to learn more about the latest innovations and engineered polymer solutions, which are supporting global infrastructure operations. We look forward to sharing our industry leading engineering and manufacturing capabilities and facilitating discussions around the future of our industry.”

Trelleborg’s Ridderkerk manufacturing facility serves as a development, production and technology support function for the infrastructure market including dredging, tunnelling, water management and energy. Conference delegates that attend the site visit will learn about the importance of rubber compound composition, whole life performance and how material quality contributes to dredging operational performance and durability.

The European Dredging Summit 2019, which takes place on the 6 and 7 March in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, will bring together leading experts from across the sector to discuss the latest challenges and opportunities affecting the European dredging industry.

To register your attendance at the European Dredging Summit and Trelleborg’s Ridderkerk facility tour, visit: <https://www.wplgroup.com/aci/event/dredging-summit-europe/>

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### *Notes to Editors: Trelleborg Group*

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