



Central Dredging Association

## JOHN SARGENT LECTURE

Tuesday 15th March 2016

at 18:30hrs (following CEDA AGM at 18:00hrs)

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, ONE GREAT GEORGE STREET, LONDON, SW1P 3AA  
(Refreshments available from 17:30hrs)

## THE SUEZ PROJECT

Presented by

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The latest Suez Canal expansion has certainly been a large scale project by many measures. The \$8.2 billion investment over only 12 months saw 45 dredging vessels move up to 1.7 million m<sup>3</sup> per day of dredged material with over 250 million m<sup>3</sup> moved in total.

The project comprised the construction of a 35 km long new canal section in addition to 37km of deepening and widening to the Great Bitter Lakes and Ballah by-passes. This increased the number of vessels per day from 49 to 97, with the aim to support the Suez Canal Area Development Project, enhance the Egyptian national economy and turn Egypt into an international logistics centre.

The Suez Canal Authority (SCA) issued a tender in 2014, divided into six lots. SCA undertook Lot 1 themselves, the "Challenge Consortium" (consisting of Boskalis, Van Oord, Jan De Nul and NMDC) successfully tendered for Lots 2 – 5, and the consortium DEME / Great Lakes were awarded Lot 6.

In order to complete this project in the incredibly ambitious one year programme, the largest dredging fleet ever was mobilised. This, combined with efficient management of the associated logistic and organisational requirements resulted in the new channel being opened by the Egyptian President, to programme, on 06 August 2015.

Jaap Dekker, Project Director of the Challenge Consortium and Dirk Draulans, Project Director of the DEME / Great Lakes Consortium will give a presentation about how their respective parts of the project were successfully completed.

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## BIOGRAPHIES

### **JAAP DEKKER**

Jaap is a Project Director with almost unparalleled experience in the management of large and complex coastal and marine projects. He joined the Boskalis group in 1979 as a trainee and has progressed to Project Director on many of the most challenging projects undertaken by the group. In addition to his global marine experience, Jaap was also Head of Operations for Westminster Dredging in the UK from 2002 to 2007, a role which included him being the National Framework Manager for the Dean & Dyball/Westminster Dredging Joint Venture on the Environment Agency National Contractors Framework 2.

### **DIRK DRAULANS**

Dirk Draulans joined Dredging International NV in 1989 and manages large sized multidisciplinary EPC projects for the "global solutions provider" DEME group.

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