

# Dredging Contracts in Australia and Vietnam

In Melbourne, Australia, Boskalis has been awarded the dredging contract for maintenance dredging. In Vietnam, meanwhile, Boskalis has acquired a contract from a consortium led by Petrovietnam Technical Services Corporation, a subsidiary of the National Vietnamese Oil Company Petrovietnam. An approach channel and port basin for a new refinery and petrochemical complex will be dredged in Nghi Son.

The dredging activities in Australia are to commence in March 2013 and relate to the maintenance of the port basin and sections of the 60 kilometres access channel. For this project a medium-sized trailing suction hopper dredger and a backhoe will be deployed for the dredging and capping of the sediment. The port of Melbourne is the largest container and cargo port in Australia. The contract was awarded by the Port of Melbourne Corporation and is for a period of four years with two options for extension, each of three years.

On completion of the dredging works in Vietnam, vessels of 30,000DWT will be able to access the port to service the Nghi Son refinery, which is expected to have a capacity of 200,000 barrels a day. A jumbo trailing suction hopper dredger will be deployed for the project which is expected to commence later this year. The project is expected to be completed by mid 2014.

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