

The Deep Sea Pilotage and Offshore VTS activities of Royal Dirkzwager have been acquired by Redwise...



- Netherlands based **Royal Dirkzwager** ('RD') is active as an independent information and service provider in the shipping industry since 1872. As the **eyes and ears** of the European maritime world, RD shares 24/7 knowledge and expertise with the maritime sector. It offers a variety of services like Port Visit Monitoring, Maritime Information, 24/7 Emergency and Customer Contact Desk and a Maritime Control Room, from which it monitors the shipping traffic in the vicinity of valuable offshore assets



- In addition, RD provides deep sea pilotage and offshore VTS services. Its deep-sea pilots navigate the congested English Channel and North Sea **ensuring a safe and efficient voyage** for the captain, its crew and the ship owner. Serving as VTS pilots, they are present on board offshore oil & gas platforms, pipe and cable laying barges and survey-vessels in order to **supervise the maritime traffic nearby**

- On 29 June 2018, Redwise acquired the **Deep Sea Pilotage and Offshore VTS activities** from the RD group. RD will continue to focus on and further expand its Maritime Information, Port Visit Monitoring and 24/7 Maritime Control Room activities including Remote Offshore Asset Monitoring



- **Redwise** is a specialist in the market of **ship deliveries** under their own power and keel across the entire globe. Its highly skilled crews can deliver any seaworthy vessel in a professional and responsible manner. Redwise is also an **intermediary for maritime professionals**, ranging from secondment of individual crew members up to complete crew management for the long term

- By acquiring the pilotage and VTS Offshore activities, Redwise ensures the **continued safeguarding** of marine traffic and offshore projects in the North Sea, whilst **unlocking synergies** with its own business. The combination will be able to grow and expand, **setting its own course**



- **JBR Corporate Finance** acted as M&A advisor to Royal Dirkzwager group and its joint shareholders, being Mainport Holding Rotterdam and RH Marine Group



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The future of Deep Sea pilots and Offshore VTS pilots of Royal Dirkzwager has been secured following the takeover by Redwise Marine Holding NV. Compliance with IMO resolutions A.486 and A.1080(2) recommending the use of Deep Sea Pilots in the English channel, the North Sea and the Skagerrak will thus be continued by The Netherlands. Using Deep Sea Pilots ensures that the risk to the safety of navigation is reduced to "as low as reasonably practicable" (ALARP). Apart from bringing valuable knowledge on board of the local circumstances, Deep Sea Pilots enable ships' Masters to comply with the mandatory work and rest hour regulations, reducing fatigue and improving working conditions, especially with the numerous port calls in this area.

The opinion of for instance the UK Deep Sea Pilotage Authorities that the use of licensed pilots by vessels transiting the English Channel, Dover Strait and the North Sea is one of the key control measures available in this regard without which the risk is not ALARP.

Redwise has taken over all activities of DCP: pilotage, Offshore VTS operations and the education/training of Deep Sea pilots, together with the active Deep Sea pilots and operations manager, ensuring continuity and job security. The pilots safely navigate (loaded) tankers, car carriers and fast moving container vessels with valuable and mixed cargoes from the English Channel across the North Sea and up to the entrance of the Baltic. The company, to be named **Redwise-DCP BV** will be a welcome addition to the maritime services specialist Redwise foremost known as world leader in ship delivery and seconding of specialized maritime personnel. The companies are certified by DNV-GL in their respective trading domains that will be integrated in one management, safety and quality control system.

The shareholders of Royal Dirkzwager, RH Marine Group and Port of Rotterdam Authority are pleased that the future of DCP and the essential pilotage and VTS services are safeguarded and in good hands with this acquisition by Redwise. Redwise is a robust maritime company with a solid reputation, world leader in its' domain, delivering vessels globally under own power and secondment of specialized maritime personnel. Redwise-DCP BV will be able to grow and expand, setting its' own course.

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