



Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management awards 'Belfeld and Sambeek Locks' to Heijmans

's-Hertogenbosch - The Directorate-General for Public Works and Water Management (Rijkswaterstaat) has awarded the contract for adapting the locks in Belfeld (Province of Limburg) and Sambeek (Province of Noord-Brabant) to Heijmans. Work planning will start immediately and the entire works will be completed by the end of 2013. The contract for this project is valued at almost €48 million.

Heijmans was awarded the contract by providing the best Design and Construct proposal in which the design's reliability and sustainability play a key role. Furthermore, Rijkswaterstaat attaches a great deal of value to the management process, in particular in the areas of permit and risk management.

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The design, realization and maintenance of the locks is a large-scale specialized undertaking that fits into Heijmans' strategy of realizing high-quality, sustainable projects in which results take priority over revenues. The project is part of the overall Maaswerken project whose aim is to make the river Meuse between the cities of Maastricht and Weurt suitable for navigation class Vb shipping (navigation by double-barge push-tow units with a draught of 3.5 metres).

The work on the locks at Belfeld and Sambeek is subdivided into the conversion of the East Locks and the overhaul of the West and Centre Locks. Work planning activities are starting immediately. Outside work is starting in November 2011 with the renovation of the moveable components, including the doors of the West and Centre Locks. The major portion of the work involves the widening and deepening of the East Locks. This involves multidisciplinary operations in which the concrete construction, hydraulics engineering, steel construction, mechanical engineering and technical services disciplines come together. Here too, the moveable components, including the doors will be renewed. Work on the East Locks will start in May 2012. The work is projected to be completed by the end of 2013.

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