

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## Boskalis strengthens its heavy marine transport position through Fairmount

Royal Boskalis Westminster N.V. (Boskalis) announces that it has reached an agreement to acquire Fairmount Marine B.V. and Fairmount Ocean Towage Company B.V. (Fairmount) from the French group Louis Dreyfus Armateurs. The transaction values the company at an average multiple of approximately 6 times EBITDA.

Fairmount is a leading global provider of long distance ocean towage services operating five 205 tonnes bollard pull towing vessels with anchor handling capabilities.



The addition of these ocean going anchor handling tugs (AHTs) allows Boskalis to further expand its market position in both offshore energy and salvage. The use of ocean going tugs for long distance wet towage is complementary to Boskalis' current dry heavy marine transport offering. With the Fairmount assets, Boskalis can offer clients the full spectrum of heavy marine transport solutions tailored for the type of cargo or specific requirements. The AHTs also have the potential of being deployed into offshore projects thereby expanding Boskalis' current transport and installation offering and can be used in salvage projects.

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Page 1/2 Boskalis' strategy is aimed at benefitting from key macro-economic factors which drive worldwide demand in our markets: expansion of the global economy, increase in energy consumption, global population growth and the challenges that go hand in hand with climate change. This acquisition is driven by the expansion of the global economy and increase in energy consumption.



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Papendrecht 3 March 2014 Royal Boskalis Westminster N.V. is a leading global services provider operating in the dredging, maritime infrastructure and maritime services sectors. The company provides creative and innovative all-round solutions to infrastructural challenges in the maritime, coastal and delta regions of the world with the construction and maintenance of ports and waterways, land reclamation, coastal defense and riverbank protection. In addition, Boskalis offers a wide variety of marine services and contracting for the offshore energy sector including subsea, heavy transport, lifting and installation (through Boskalis Offshore and Dockwise) and towage and salvage (through SMIT). It also has a strategic partnership in terminal services (Smit Lamnalco). With a versatile fleet of over 1,100 units Boskalis operates in around 75 countries across six continents. Including its share in partnerships, Boskalis has more than 11,000 employees.

This press release can also be found on our website www.boskalis.com.