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### **PRESS RELEASE**

#### **DREDGER RUNS AGROUND IN KHOLMSK DURING TYPHOON**

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**Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russian Federation, 9 September 2004, 12:40:** On September 8<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2150 the vessel TSHD Cristoforo Colombo owned by European Dredging Company (EDC) lost power and ran aground during heavy typhoon winds in between Kholmsk Fishing Port and Kholmsk Commercial Marine Port.

29 crew members remain on board for safety reasons. All crew are well and in no danger.

EDC can now confirm that fuel oil has been spilled from the damaged vessel's tanks. The amount spilt is estimated at 100 tonnes of heavy fuel oil and diesel. The total amount on the vessel was about 200 tonnes of fuel oil and diesel. Some of the spilled fuel has reached the public beach area in Kholmsk.

Oil spill response experts Ecosheff have arrived on the site and mobilised an oil spill response team in Kholmsk. Ecosheff specialists are now investigating the site and preparing to commence clean-up operations. A helicopter is being deployed for visual spill assessment.

Sakhalin Energy is working closely with EDC and the Regional Emercom. All the relevant authorities have been notified regarding this incident, and Sakhalin Energy will launch a full investigation into the incident as soon as practicable.

The TSHD Cristoforo Colombo is a vessel owned by European Dredging Company (EDC) and is on contract to Saipem. Currently Saipem performing work for Sakhalin Energy on its offshore pipeline contract.

Expert salvage companies have been contacted, and are studying the technical aspects of the vessel and the potential salvage options. Sakhalin Energy has the vessel Smit Sakhalin on standby to assist as required.

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## **Notes for editors**

### **Details of TSHD Cristoforo Colombo**

TSHD – Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger

Length – 119.50 meters

Breadth – 22.20 m

Ship type – Trailing suction hopper dredger

Year of construction – 1994

Shipbuilders – Belgian Shipbuilders Corporation

Total installed diesel engine power – 10.850 kw

Auxiliary engines – 2.670 kw

Flag - Belgian

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