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Boskalis commits to clean and safe ship recycling

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Brussels, 13 June 2013 – Boskalis, a leading Dutch maritime service provider owning around 1100 vessels and one of the world's largest dredging companies, has been working on the question of ship recycling with the North Sea Foundation, a member organisation of the NGO Shipbreaking Platform. In its 2012 CSR Report, Boskalis declared that it aims for all ship dismantling activities to be conducted off the beach. Martijn Schuttevâer, director of Corporate Communications and Investor Relations at Boskalis, explains in the report: "We want to stand out in a positive way when it comes to the socially responsible dismantling of vessels and so the decision to implement this tightening was quickly taken. We have now added to our policy that the dismantling of ships must take place on hard subsoil or in dry dock facilities only. It goes without saying that we will continue to monitor all related aspects including the safe and environmentally responsible dismantling of vessels."

The NGO Shipbreaking Platform welcomes Boskalis' commitment and is convinced that Boskalis can become an industry leader with regards to ship recycling. "We are glad to hear that Boskalis is investing in a yard and in transferring knowledge in order to make sure that their ships are recycled according to their own standards. Such examples are encouraging and will lead the way for others shipowners", says Patrizia Heidegger, Executive Director of the NGO Shipbreaking Platform.

Read Boskalis's CSR Report from 2012 (http://2012.boskalis-annualreports.com/annual-report-2012/a1000_Statement-from-the-CEO)

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