



# ACS will expand the port of Aberdeen for a value of 400 million

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The bid by Dragados, a subsidiary of the ACS Group, has been awarded the contract for the expansion of the port of Aberdeen (Scotland), selected ahead of other offers from consortia formed by Boskalis - Volker Vessels; Van Oord - Morrison Construction - Aarsleff; Dredging International - Züblin; Besix - Kier - Rohde Nielsen..

The new facilities will be located in a bay south of the existing port of Aberdeen. The current port structures mainly serve the oil industry of the United Kingdom which has its epicentre in the city of Aberdeen.

The contract involves the design and construction of a new port to complement and increase the capacity of the existing port and that enables the operation larger ships in order to meet the expected future increase in demand.

Construction works at the new port will begin in 2017 and are scheduled to end before the end 2020. They mainly consist in dredging the bay and access channels, the construction of two breakwaters to the north and south of the bay and the construction of 1400m of new docks and associated infrastructure.

The tender pre-qualification process lasted around a year and was conducted under the model of competitive dialogue with the customer in order to allow each bidder to offer an innovative technical solution that reduced the costs and risks and improved the benefits of the project. A final 3-month periods of negotiations will now begin before the signature of the contract scheduled for October 2016.

Dragados, the construction branch of the ACS Group, is the largest construction company in Spain with a strong international presence (North America, Europe and South America). **Its construction activities include, among other infrastructures, more than 10,500 kilometre of roads and motorways**, including: WestConnex - M5 in Australia, A30 in Canada, S8 in Poland or I-595 in the United States;

**It also features more than 1,380 of kilometre of tunnels of all types and in very different geotechnical conditions**, including, North West Rail Link in Australia, East Side Access of New York, Metro of Madrid, Guadarrama stretch of the AVE line, or the South Bypass of the M-30 in Madrid; A total of over 1,500 bridges built, including: the Constitution of 1812 bridge in Cádiz, the Centennial and the Alamillo bridges, both in Seville, the Waterford bridge in Ireland and the Third Millennium Bridge in Zaragoza;

Similarly, **more than 1,700 kilometres of railways, high speed lines and public transport lines**, including projects such as the California High Speed Rail Construction Package 2-3, first stretch of the California high speed rail system.

Furthermore, Dragados USA continues to expand in the United States with a wide network of offices in cities nationwide. Specifically, in Seattle (Washington), California, Texas, Florida, New York, Puerto Rico, and North Carolina. Through its acquired businesses it also has offices [sic]