



1.2MW Tidal power plant installed in the Eastern Scheldt Storm Surge Barrier

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A SUSTAINABLE WAY OF LIFE

In Zeeland, renewables means more than financial profit alone. Surrounded by the sea, the province is heavily influenced by nature. Environmentally-friendly thinking and acting is embedded in the way of life. One of the largest Dutch solar energy projects is going to be realised in the port area, and wind turbines, supplying power to the Zeeland grid, have been part of the Zeeland skyline for decades. Zeeland also is an experimental garden for tidal wave energy. Many companies in Zeeland now work together in order to create a smaller ecological footprint. In the Terneuzen port area, for example, a large greenhouse complex makes use of the CO₂ and residual heat from nearby industry. Further, in the port of Vlissingen, a refinery supplies residual heat to the neighbouring industries. This 'smart-linking', as port company Zeeland Seaports calls it, leads to a triple profit: profit for business, profit for nature and profit for employment.

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PROVEN CORPORATION

Located in the Terneuzen port area, close to the Dow multinational chemical concern, Maintenance Valuepark Terneuzen (MVP) is a brand new complex where government, industry and education work together to create a high level hotspot for maintenance within the process industry. Part of MVP is the Knowledge Innovation Centre Maintenance Process Industry (Ki<|MPi), where sharing knowledge and expertise leads to innovative solutions for safe and cost-saving maintenance.

Although Ki<|MPi focuses on the process industry, the offshore industry can also profit from work executed by this innovation centre. Both industries have great overlap, such as working at heights, corrosion prevention, inspection and cleaning of pipes and inspection and maintenance of mooring piles. Both industries wish to make these matters easier, more efficient and safer. This innovation centre has already made great steps in all of these.

With MVP and Ki<|MPi, Zeeland demonstrates that cooperation really pays off.

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ENERGY PORT ZEELAND – PLATFORM FOR COOPERATION

Energy Port Zeeland acts as a platform for closer cooperation, not only between the Government and educational institutions, but also between the businesses in and around the ports of Vlissingen and Terneuzen. Specific topics in the fields of training and employment, research and innovation, profiling and communication and business development are tackled on a joint basis, creating a win-win situation for all parties. This applies to both the supply and the demand side of the offshore (wind) market. The Provincial Council of Zeeland, Invest in Zeeland, Zeeland Seaports, ROC Scalda and HZ University of Applied Sciences, are the first participants in the platform.

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Maintenance Valuepark: a new high level hotspot close to the Dow complex