

PRESS STATEMENT

Alblasserdam, 27 October 2020

During the evening of Friday 23, we learned that the local police had investigated an event on board an accommodation boat located alongside one of Oceanco's quays and that arrests had been made.

Oceanco as well as all the parties involved have the utmost regard for the hard work that our police services undertake, especially during these difficult times of the COVID pandemic. All parties regret the event of Friday night and are working to resolve any issues that have arisen or going forward.

Without making judgment and pending the outcome of the investigations, Oceanco are fully supportive of the police in protecting the inhabitants of Alblasserdam and is fully committed to supporting the police in its efforts to maintain the rule of law.

From the start of the incident Oceanco has worked closely together with the local authorities from the municipality of Alblasserdam.

Oceanco, together with the authorities, as well as those parties present at the event, are fully cooperating so as to resolve this unfortunate situation.

Oceanco would however like to emphasize the following:

1. The incidents took place on board an accommodation boat moored alongside our quay and not on one of the Oceanco projects located at our facilities.
2. The group of persons staying on board the COVID secure accommodation boat were connected with one of the projects undergoing works inside our facilities. The main reason for both Oceanco and the parties involved in accommodating the persons on the accommodation boat, was to create a safe closed environment for the safety of all people involved including the local community. These persons were under private accommodation at the time and were living on board in a private "household" capacity.
3. No Oceanco employees, guests of Alblasserdam, nor third parties have been on board the accommodation boat.
4. The events that transpired when the police accessed the boat are the subject of an ongoing investigation.
5. We only learnt of these events after they had happened.
6. We have collectively decided that the occupants of the accommodation boat be relocated to another location (not on the accommodation boat) away from the shipyard until further notice.

In the interest of everybody concerned, on a daily basis Oceanco goes to great lengths and make extensive efforts in order to prevent the spread of COVID. We take our responsibilities in this respect very seriously.



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