

Sociedad Portuaria Regional Buenaventura starts the Maintenance Dredging in the Operative Strips

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Sociedad Portuaria Regional Buenaventura S.A., informs maritime lines, users, customers and the general public, that from November 15th, 2021, it is planned to start the maintenance dredging or re-cleaning campaign up to the design limits in the berths and operational strips of SPRBUN S.A., with the objective of counteracting the periodic natural increase of sedimentation in the physical environment of the Bay of Buenaventura and its direct impact on the maritime areas of our Terminal.

For the execution of these works, Sociedad Portuaria Regional Buenaventura has contracted the dredging company DREGING INTERNATIONAL COLOMBIA, a Belgium contractor.

This maintenance dredging campaign will be accompanied by a technical, administrative and environmental auditing, practical pilots and environmental monitoring. This work will be financed with the resources of Sociedad Portuaria Regional Buenaventura S.A.

The sediments to be removed will be transferred and deposited offshore at a distance of 37 kilometers from the project area; This final dumping site is duly approved and authorized by the competent environmental and maritime authorities, for which the "LANGE WAPPER" suction dredger with a capacity of 13,700 M3 in the hopper will be used. The execution of the works is expected to require a term of thirty (30) days in its first phase, which includes docks from 1 to 6 and the second phase estimated for the months of February to March of the year 2022, which includes docks 7 to 12 and dock 14.

The execution of this maintenance dredging campaign will allow the restitution of the depths in the operational strips, highlighting the priority intervention of berths 1 to 6 in the container docks, sector where the restitution of service depths will be up to - 14,75 meters (low tide).

As a result of this maintenance dredging and the restitution of the depths up to the current design levels, the direct arrival of vessels to the Buenaventura Maritime Terminal managed by SPRBUN S.A. will be improved.; In the same way, it will substantially improve the nautical safety conditions for the merchant ships that arrive and depart from our terminal, increasing the levels of competitiveness and efficiency of the Port of Buenaventura for the benefit of Colombian foreign trade.

Sociedad Portuaria Regional Buenaventura S.A. will control the work through the Colombian firm BATIESTUDIOS SAS, which will execute the Technical, Administrative and Environmental Audit of the project, under the permanent coordination and supervision of the Vice Presidency of Strategy and Infrastructure and Vice Presidency of Operations.

Sociedad Portuaria Regional Buenaventura also informs the general public that, under the mandate of its corporate environmental responsibility, guarantees that the execution of this maintenance dredging work will fully comply with the control and monitoring measures established in the files of the Current Environmental Management Plan.

