

Warning against fraud

Since the beginning of 2015 Van Oord has been confronted with a new type of fraud, the so called 'Attorney Check Scam'.

More than 140 law firms, in various parts of the world, have notified Van Oord that they have received an email from persons who falsely pretend to be Van Oord employees, 'Conor O'Brien' and 'Albert Warren', with the request to help draft a purchase and sale agreement for a transaction. This scam concerns the fake sale of dredging vessels and equipment. They also misuse the name of Van Oord's CFO, Mr. Arjan van de Kerk, in their scam.

The 'Attorney Check Scam' operates in the following manner:

- Attorneys are targeted to represent 'Van Oord Marine Ingenuity' in a sale and purchase transaction;
- Retainers in the form of checks are sent by the false buyers of the equipment to the attorney;
- The scam is often revealed when either the checks are found to be fraudulent or the false Van Oord employees cannot be contacted and in some cases payment (against uncleared funds) is requested to be made to a party.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the scam was conducted from the Toronto area in Canada. Van Oord has notified the Dutch Justice Department and the Canadian police. The scam is also reported to the 'Internet Crime Complaint Center' in the USA.

You can help us by staying alert when confronted with a dubious sale of a dredging vessel and/or equipment on behalf of 'Van Oord'. In case of any doubt about the legitimacy of a sale, please double check at our head office in Rotterdam, Schwaardijk 211, 3063 NH Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Contact the Manager Legal and Contracts Department. He can be reached by phone at +31 88 8260000.

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