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Dredging out a future

BOSKALIS INTERNATIONAL bv, a world leader in the dredging and land reclamation industry, has undertaken a succession of high-profile projects in Malaysia in recent years.

Its work in Melaka, involving the dredging of 11 million cu metres of material in deepening a turning basin and access channels for Petronas' new refinery facilities, came under the spotlight in 1992 when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad headed a VIP party that boarded the company's trailing suction hopper dredger 'Prins der Nerderlanden'. More recently, Boskalis has been working at Pasir Gudang, undertaking dredging and land reclamation for the Johor Port Authority, and in Tanjung Manis where reclamation works have been carried out for a new township and for the preparation of an industrial site. Early this year the reclamation works for the Star Cruise Ship Terminal at Pulau Indah were completed. Currently the company is engaged in dredging works for the Kemaman port.