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Herambiente awarded the reclamation of the port of Chioggia

The tender, worth 28.5 million euro, was won by a temporary consortium led by Hera Group, the leading Italian waste treatment operator. The work will begin in 2019 and will lead to an overall renovation of the port area, with new docks using inert materials coming from the reclamation of land previously used as landfill

To extensively reclaim Chioggia's port area and renovate the area to bring it back to life. This is the commitment of a temporary association of companies (ATI) led by Herambiente, a member of the Hera Group and the foremost Italian waste treatment operator, which was awarded a contract to renovate the strategic areas linked to this important seaport. The tender, worth 28.5 million euro, was launched by A.S.Po Azienda Speciale del Porto di Chioggia, owned by the Venice-Rovigo Chamber of Commerce. CGX Costruzioni Generali Xodo Srl, Idea Srl, and Rossi Renzo Costruzioni Srl, all companies in the Veneto region, are technical partners of the temporary association of companies.

The contract, which kicks off the work, was signed this morning by Damaso Zanardo, president of A.S.Po, and Andrea Ramonda, the CEO of Herambiente.

In particular, the work will begin in 2019 and lead to an overall renovation of some areas of the river-maritime terminal in Val da Rio di Chioggia. On the one hand, the operation will reclaim a 6-hectare area, used as a landfill for solid waste produced in the municipality of Chioggia from 1961 to 1984. This is a strategic intervention for the area because the contract, in line with the circular economy principles that the Hera Group is pursuing on several fronts, also involves recovering inert material amounting to 80% of the total waste, which will be used to build some of the docks in the port, thus increasing the operation's overall sustainability.

By doing so, Herambiente will make available to this area all of its know-how in the field of land reclamation, a field in which the Hera Group company has consolidated experience and very high quality and safety standards. Its research, analyses, and projects enable the best possible definition of the scope of each measure. Herambiente's reclamation department, from this point of view, offers an integrated service that at every stage of the process ensures full respect for the environment, for current regulations and, indeed, for the fundamental circular economy principles.

"Reclaiming an area – says Tommaso Tommasi di Vignano, Executive Chairman of the Hera Group – requires significant skills, resources and expertise, which through Herambiente we are proud to provide to Chioggia's area. Our goal – continues Tommasi – is to work towards an overall renovation of the port area, focusing as always on targeted initiatives, based on an in-depth study of the context in which we will be working." The President of Hera concludes: "Moreover, the Adriatic Sea is a very important area for us, in which we have done a great deal of work, not only in the Veneto region but also in Emilia-Romagna and Friuli Venezia Giulia. The experience we have accumulated will enable us to replicate in Chioggia a model capable of ensuring a high degree of efficiency and environmental and economic sustainability."

"The deal, intensely pursued by the City Council, is fundamental to re-launch Chioggia's port as a commercial, maritime and tourist port – commented Damaso Zanardo, president of A.S.Po Chioggia – and will be a



continuation of the commercial initiatives that we, as a body, have launched in recent months, proving how attractive the port of Chioggia is and showing some initial, concrete signs that the international economic crisis is being overcome. The professional skills of a group like Hera, Italy's leader in waste treatment, ensures that the operation will be carried out with high levels of quality, efficiency and environmental sustainability".