



Worldwide Applications

HEAVY LIFTING

PROJECT CALLAND TUNNEL



- The Calland Tunnel is a part of the project “The second Maasvlakte” whose purpose is to enlarge the Rotterdam harbour.
- The Calland Tunnel is a sink tunnel. The lowest level is at 27 m under sea level.
- There are 2 kinds of concrete elements: the on-shore ones and the tunnel elements (the sink ones).
- The sink concrete elements are produced outside, in a dry dock on the offshore repair yard of Verolme Botlek in Rotterdam. They are 115 m long and 35 m wide. As they are so heavy and must be sink under water, it is more convenient to produce them in the yard and to float them to their final location.
- There are 6 concrete elements, that after the construction will have to be floated and pulled by tug-boats to their final location.
- Our Dutch Distributor, the company WITRANS designed together with our LARZEP Engineers the Hydraulic System to make possible this project and meet the customers needs and specifications.





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- LARZEP & WITRANS got this big contract facing a very strong competition from ENERPAC, HOLMATRO and other local manufacturers.
- We produce and supplied 100 cylinders 100 Tn capacity and fully made of Aluminium.
- There are 36 cylinders working in the “on-shore” concrete construction and another 36 units working in the dry dock for the sink elements. The rest are for other different uses and for spares.
- The cylinders are used to support the metallic frame, the movable casket.





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- WITRANS & LARZEP had to handle the following problems: Low budget of the customer, very low weight required for each jack, simple to operate system and the need of mechanical load holding.
- We upgraded the design of our standard lock-nut cylinders by including a stop ring and a spring for the retraction of the piston.
- Eventhough the use of the spring, WITRANS had to offer to the customer an electric pump provided with a vacuum system to improve the retraction of the piston, what was an excellent technical solution to meet the customer needs.





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- Country: THE NETHERLANDS.
- Application: Heavy Lifting.
- Products Supplied: 100 aluminium cylinders single acting spring return with lock nut, stop ring and tilting saddle. Capacity 107 Tn and 150 mm stroke. Total weight of the cylinder only 39,4 Kgr.
- Reference STMA/W10715.
- Our biggest order of Aluminium Cylinders.



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