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# Spain considered as a possible location for a factory to build floating drydocks – Sources

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**July 08, 2021** – Handy Deed the leading contractor of civil engineering for the City of Mount Vema project who also specialises in naval engineering, plans to open a section of its ship building factories in Spain. A source told VSBCnews on Wednesday.

Handy Deed has not yet replied to VSBCnews request for comment, but our source said that the company is under pressure to meet strict deadlines as Mount Vema moves from planning to construction.

The section of the factory planned for Spain will focus on the construction and maintenance of floating dry docks. Handy Deed has been looking for deals with shipyards to initially build three floating dry docks and work boats for Mount Vema, since September 2020, but coronavirus restrictions forced the company to review its operations and decided to set up its own shipyards.

The global search for deals has now intensified as many Mount Vema companies and government agencies embarked on missions to raise capital and secure deals to build the fleet needed to get construction moving.

Floating dry docks have always been key in construction of large structures. One example is the dry dock on the artificial island of Neeltje-Jans used for the construction of the Oosterscheldekering, the large dam in the Netherlands that consists of 65 concrete pillars weighing 18,000 tonnes each. The pillars were constructed in a drydock and towed to their final place on the seabed.

The first floating dry dock project of the three planned for now, will be the workplace for architects, project engineers, naval architects, and foremen, and will be key to ensuring the safe, timely and well-resourced completion of projects in many areas including the construction of the Port of Mount Vema.

The three floating dry docks will be repaired and maintained outside Mount Vema, and if a deal is secured between Mount Vema and Spain, then Spain would be the location for repairs and maintenance of these large structures.

However, in Mount Vema, the floating dry docks will be used to repair floating structures and homes for the City of Mount Vema projects, including build and repair ships boats and other seafaring vessels and offshore structures including ferries, high-speed craft, merchant ships - tankers, cargo ships, passenger liners, pleasure craft - yachts, power boats, working vessels - fishing boats, and rescue boats.

