Update of EVER GIVEN's grounding in the Suez Canal

<u>26th March 2021</u>

Appointed by the shipowner of EVER GIVEN, a team of experts from Smit Salvage had arrived at the scene of the grounding accident yesterday (25th of March), and discussed solutions to rescue the ship with the Captain and Suez Canal Authority immediately.

After careful assessment of the situation, the plan was to continue the ongoing efforts to clear sand and mud around the ship's bow and try to free the vessel at high tide. It is estimated that the excavation will take at least two to three days to reach the required depth for the stranded ship to refloat. Then the salvage experts will try further to get the vessel out of the predicament at the highest tide of the Suez Canal.