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## **Tone-Merete Hansen nominated as one of Norway's most powerful tech women**

**Asker, March 8, 2019 – Kongsberg Digital Senior Vice President for Maritime Simulation, Tone-Merete Hansen has been awarded a position on the list of Norway's 50 most powerful up and coming tech women.**

The Norwegian trade and employers' association Abelia and the ODA network for women in tech are behind the award, which was announced on March 8th.

“The maritime simulator market is international in nature and extremely quality conscious. Heading up this branch in Kongsberg Digital requires a

leader that is both strategic and flexible. Tone-Merete knows how to tune the organization when the market changes, and she relentlessly pursues ambitious goals until they are reached. That is one of the reasons why KONGSBERG was able to sign the largest simulator contract to date in 2018. This award is well deserved, and I would like to congratulate Tone-Merete on behalf of the entire organization," says Hege Skryseth, CEO of Kongsberg Digital.

Managing Director of Abelia, Håkon Hauglie, emphasizes the importance of gender balance in technology.

"Developing and applying new technologies is critical to meeting our greatest social challenges and for developing the business we are going to live by in Norway in the future. To succeed in such tasks, problem solvers of both genders are needed," says Hauglie.

The jury has emphasized that Tone-Merete Hansen, in her role as Senior Vice President for Maritime Simulation in Kongsberg Digital, is leading the digital transformation of teaching and training tools for the maritime industry. In addition, she recognizes potential and is developing the organization further, enabling it to deliver advanced simulator solutions regarding, for example, digital twins, autonomous vessel testing, pre-studies of various offshore operations and ship- and port studies for decision support.

"When developing our simulation technology, we focus on contributing to enhanced competence both for operations onboard a vessel and at a shore-based operation center. In addition to enhancing competence, advanced simulation is vital as decision support in complex operations and studies. In total the new simulation technology will contribute to increased security and a more sustainable maritime industry," commented Tone-Merete Hansen, who added that she is humbled by being named as one of the 50 leading tech women in Norway.

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