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AEGIR-Marine's beach volley ball team has been qualified for the Olympics 2016

With just a couple of weeks before the start of the Olympic Games AEGIR's beach team VanderVlist-VanGestel won the Continental Cup in Stavanger (Norway). The prize: a ticket to Rio de Janeiro to compete in the Olympics 2016.

With a convincing victory over the Ukrainian twin Makhno AEGIRs beach team the first step had been set. When later the Dutch team Braakman-Sinnem lost the game with the Ukrainian team Shchypkova-Davidova it was clear that 'the golden match' would be played by VanderVlist-VanGestel.

We're going to Rio!

The match against the team that was called 'the sensation of the Continental Cup' was the one-but-last chance to qualify for AEGIR's beach volley ball team. *'We lost the first set, because of stress,'* Sophie van Gestel says, *'we wanted this so much! The whole year has been about this week!'*

However the duo came back strong in the second set. With hard services, good blocking and a couple of aces, they won the set 21-15.

If we're gonna lose, we will lose fighting, VanderVlist had said, but in the third set the team soon took the lead with 9-3. The Ukrainian team gained some points, but the Dutch team kept the pressure high and with a firing attack they finished the game 15-9.

'I have performed at my very best in this finale,' Jantine van der Vlis says, *'and I saved the best for last. I still can't believe that we are going to Rio. It just keeps getting better!'*

They aim for gold, just like us.

AEGIR-Marine has been this Dutch team's sponsor since 8 years and Jantine has been part of that team for the longest time. *'We recognized their ambition. It resembles ours,'* states Ruud Muis, general director AEGIR-Marine, *'they aim for the best. They go for that golden medal.'*

We are unbelievably proud on what they have shown the word this weekend. They've worked so hard for four years. We have witnessed their ups-and-downs and we have seen how they never gave up. They are real go-getters. Hats off for these women!'

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