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• EVENT

INAUGURATION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL



On 11 October Dunkerque-Port inaugurated its NFTI (Nord France Terminal International) container terminal. The event took place in the presence of Dominique Bussereau, Secretary of State for Transport to the Minister of State and Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea; Jacques R. Saadé, Chair of the Board of Directors of the CMA CGM Group; Michel Delebarre, former Minister of State, MP and Mayor of Dunkirk, President of Dunkirk Urban Community; Jean-Luc Vialla, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Dunkerque-Port and Martine Bonny, Chair of the Port's Executive Committee. Since 9 July 2010 the container terminal has been managed by CMA CGM through its subsidiary Terminal Link, the new majority shareholder. CMA CGM has increased its holding in the Terminal from 30 to 91% by acquiring shares previously held by APM Terminals. Dunkerque-Port remains a 9% shareholder ■

• SIGNATURE

AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE URBAN COMMUNITY AND DUNKERQUE-PORT

On 11 October the Urban Community and Dunkerque-Port signed an agreement designed to reinforce the coherence of the policies developed by the two structures to promote the territory's improvement, attractiveness and sustainable development. Many issues are at stake in terms of town planning, quality of life and economic activity. Michel Delebarre, Former Minister of State and President of the Urban Community, and Martine Bonny, Chair of Dunkerque-Port's Executive Committee, in the presence of Dominique Bussereau, Secretary of State for Transport, undertook to pursue common objectives in order to make the territory into a full-scale logistics and commercial platform and position Dunkirk in the market of containers and other general cargoes, while improving its industry and energy hub ■



• NEW

DISCHARGING ENERGY-WOOD PELLETS

On 21 September, in the port of Dunkirk, M/V Milady discharged 2,150 T of wood pellets from Bayonne. The organisation of this new traffic, intended for the DALKIA boiler houses in the Nord-Pas de Calais Region, has been assigned to the company GOMEXCO based in the south-west, under the aegis of Bois Energie Nord Ouest, the energy-wood subsidiary of DALKIA NORD. In Dunkirk these pellets were handled by the operator SEA BULK at Grande-Synthe Quay. The size of these stocks of storm-fallen timber from the south-west suggests that other calls will follow to supply the DALKIA boiler houses in the north of France. The use of maritime transport confirms the policy of the DALKIA Group to choose environmentally-friendly transport solutions. In the long term this approach using coastal shipping could be extended by an inland waterway link to the ports of Lille, for boiler houses located near the waterway ■



• **TRADE MEETING****DELTA SHIPPING LINES MEETS
ITS CUSTOMERS IN DUNKIRK**

On 5 October the representatives of Delta Shipping Lines, a Cypriot company specialising in short sea shipping, were in Dunkirk to meet their French customers and to be present when one of their ships, the Kalina, called in the Western Port. The representatives of Delta Shipping Lines stressed that Dunkirk was the only French port offering a direct, door-to-door service to St Petersburg on fixed days every week. With a route of Tilbury – Dunkirk – Hamburg – St Petersburg, the 850-TEU-capacity ships make the crossing from Dunkirk to St Petersburg in five days. To optimise this service, specialised in the carriage of products at controlled temperature and dry goods, Delta Shipping Lines has just invested in 300 new reefer containers ■

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EQUIPMENT FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

On 19 October the conventional ship M/V DANZIGERGRACHT called at the Eastern Port to load public works equipment for the construction of a 450-km gas pipeline. The equipment is for a for an EXXON MOBIL worksite in New Guinea. SPIECAPAG, a subsidiary of the ENTREPOSE Contracting Group, whose equipment depot and maintenance centre is based in Dunkirk, is specialised in overland pipeline projects and oil pumping and storage infrastructures. During this loading operation SPIECAPAG is shipping 71 items of machinery and public works equipment, plus 81 containers of materials. The cargo will total 2,000 tonnes with a volume of 7,800 m³, and will occupy one-third of the ship's capacity. After leaving Dunkirk, M/V DANZIGERGRACHT will take approximately 50 days to reach the southern hemisphere via the Panama Canal. The transit has been assigned to VOPAK AMT and handling operations will be carried out by DEWULF CAILLERET ■

• **RAIL****DUNKIRK:
FIRST FRENCH PORT TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN ITS RAIL INFRASTRUCTURES**

With the ministerial ruling of 4 March 2008 which transferred the port's entire rail network permanently to the Port of Dunkirk, Dunkerque-Port was now responsible for organising the management of its rail network. In December 2009 the Board of Trustees of Dunkerque-Port ratified the choice of Groupe Eurotunnel (GET) as the Port's service provider for the maintenance and operation of the port railway lines as of 2011. For this purpose, Dunkerque-Port and its service company EUROPORTE SERVICES, a subsidiary of GET, have drawn up a set of Operating Rules (RSE) in compliance with the framework set out by the Rail Safety Organisation (EPSF). In complying strictly with the provisions of the Sea Ports Code, Dunkirk is now the first port in France to manage its rail infrastructure. Its railway line network will be managed by EUROPORTE SERVICES as of 21 December 2010. On 15 October Martine Bonny, Chair of the Executive Committee at Dunkerque-Port, officially signed the document authorising EUROPORTE SERVICES to operate and maintain the infrastructures of Dunkerque-Port, in the presence of Jacques Gounon, CEO of Eurotunnel, and Michel Aymeric, General Director of the Rail Safety Organisation. Since the order of 2 August 2005, port rail lines had been managed by the port authorities rather than by the national rail network manager, Réseau Ferré de France ■