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SALES PROMOTION

DUNKERQUE-PORT IN BRAZIL

Dunkerque-Port will attend the INTERMODAL SOUTH AMERICA trade fair to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, from 5 to 7 April 2011. This major show for logistics and transport specialists brings together more than 550 exhibitors and 43,000 visitors every year, with 45 countries represented •


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EXPERIMENTS

EXPERIMENTS AT THE DIGUE DU BRAEK

Experiments to provide a better understanding of windborne sand movements have been conducted since January 2011 at the Digue du Braek, an asphalt structure marking the boundary between the beach and Dunkerque-Port's maritime dock.

Windbreak structures have been installed in order to assess the possibility of holding back the sand blown on to the dyke. The ultimate aim is to use the sand accumulating on the dyke, firstly to protect the structures against storms, and secondly as a support for the nature restoration of the site. On a more occasional basis, measuring instruments such as airspeed indicators and sand traps will be installed in the area by a team of scientists from the Laboratory of Oceanology and Geosciences, in order to quantify sand movement during windy periods. These studies form part of the collaboration with the Opal Coast University to establish a programme for the management of Dunkerque-Port's sea frontage •

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VISIT

VISIT BY A DELEGATION FROM ANNABA (ALGERIA)



An Algerian delegation from Annaba, led by the President of Annaba CCI, Rachid Ghimouz, visited the Port of Dunkirk on Wednesday 16 March. The delegation was accompanied by Farid Aouaichia, Delegate for North Africa and the Mediterranean at Dunkirk Urban Community •

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

WORLD WATER DAY

In connection with World Water Day, an agreement will be signed between DUNKERQUE-PORT and BEFESA ZINC in Gravelines, on the release of effluents into the port docks.

The aim of the agreement is to protect the marine environment by monitoring three criteria: the quality of domestic water, the quality of rainwater and the quality of water produced by manufacturing processes. To date, Dunkerque-Port has signed nearly 50 agreements with the companies installed on its territory, each of whom undertakes to treat the water before it is released and to communicate the results of sampling at the works outlet. The agreements form part of the «Sustainable Development» section of Dunkerque-Port's strategic plan. This agreement will be signed on Tuesday 22 March 2011 in the presence of Stéphane Raison, Planning and Environment Director at Dunkerque-Port, and Denis Chevé, General Director of BEFESA ZINC •


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TRAFFIC

PAPEETE TO DUNKIRK

The French shipping group CMA CGM has signed a partnership agreement with Tahiti Oil Mills for the transport of coconut oil between Papeete and northern Europe, and in particular Dunkirk.

Previously transported in bulk, coconut oil is now stored in 20' tank containers which are loaded every two weeks on ships of CMA CGM's direct World Tour / Panama line serving Europe, the USA, Oceania and the Caribbean •


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