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monthly newsletter from Dunkerque-Port #64 - april 2012

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NEW WEEKLY SERVICE



Loading containers from the Flanders terminal.

FROM 10 JUNE 2012, THE DATE OF THE INAUGURAL CALL AT DUNKIRK, THE MARITIME TRANSPORT GROUP CMA CGM WILL INCLUDE DUNKIRK (AFTER ANTWERP AND BEFORE LE HAVRE) IN THE ROTATIONS OF ITS EPIC (EUROPE PAKISTAN INDIA CONSORTIUM) SERVICE.

The rotation of this weekly service, on fixed days, provided by 8 ships with a nominal capacity of 5500 TEU, comprises the ports of Southampton, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Antwerp, Dunkirk, Le Havre, Port Said, Khor Al Fakkan, Jebel Ali, Port Qasim, Nhava Sheva, Mundra, Jeddah, Malta and Tanger Med.

Christine Cabau Woehrel, Chair of Dunkerque-Port's Executive Committee, expressed her satisfaction at this announcement and her *«sincere thanks to CMA CGM for this new sign of their policy of development at Dunkirk on the high-potential markets of the Indian sub-continent, the Arab Gulf and the Mediterranean»*. She stressed that this new service *«will make it possible to meet the needs and expectations of clients in the Nord-Pas de Calais, the Belgian border area and the Paris region more effectively»*.

For his part, Nicolas Sartini, Senior Vice President in CMA CGM Group, considers that *«this EPIC service will be an excellent complement to the FAL 7 service, at import from the Indian subcontinent and at export to the Mediterranean, the Arab Gulf and India and Pakistan»* ■

• TRAFFIC

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THE FIGURES FOR MARCH ARE AGAIN ENCOURAGING

TOTAL TRAFFIC TO THE END OF MARCH WAS UP 2% OVER LAST YEAR.

Hydrocarbons were down at 1.41MT due to the shutdown of crude oil storage. However, refined products alone posted an increase of 7%. Other liquid bulks were down (-28% at 389KT). Liquid bulks fell by 23% overall to 1.80MT. Ore volumes for March were good and reached a figure closer to that of 2011 (-5% compared with the first quarter of 2011, with a tonnage of 2.74MT). Coal confirmed the rise recorded since the start of

2012 and was up 50% at 1.86MT. Grain traffic in March was good although it did not reach the exceptional export volume of 328KT recorded for the month of March 2011 alone. It posted a drop of 53% (289KT) compared with the same period in 2011. Volumes of «small» bulks were down by 20%. Solid bulks were generally stable at 5.46MT. General cargoes were up 19% at 4.50MT. RoRo traffic continued to grow with an increase of +33% to 3.58MT. Freight vehicles were up 36% with 159,000 trucks and trailers, and tourist traffic totalled 502,000 drivers and passengers (+31%). With 67,500 TEU, containers showed a small drop of 4% compared with 2011 which included some exceptional calls ■



In Dock 6 (Eastern Port), handling operations on two general cargo ships.

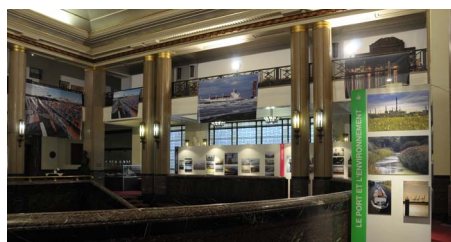
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ONE EXHIBITION, 100 PHOTOS!

After Lille and Dunkirk, the photo exhibition «Arrêt sur Images», created and designed by the Communications Department of Dunkerque-Port, is now in Belgium. Following a call in Liège, it was in Charleroi until 2 May; it will go on to Namur and then to Mons. The exhibition presents the works of 11 artists who have photographed the Port of Dunkirk from every angle ■



Installing the exhibition on the first floor of the council chamber of Charleroi Town Hall.



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AND NOW ON TWITTER!

After our Facebook page which has more than 830 fans and gives daily information on the life of the port, Dunkerque-Port has just opened a Twitter account where you can follow our news in real time ■