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DUNFRESH: 15 YEARS IN THE WESTERN PORT

On Friday 7 June 2013 DUNFRESH, a company specialising in logistics for temperature controlled products and a major operator in the Caribbean banana sector, celebrated 15 years of business in the Western Port of Dunkirk, France's leading port for containerised fruit imports.



Luc Van Holzaet, Managing Director of CONHEXA, traces the Group's history since its inception.

private investor present in the Western Port from 1994 and specialising in frozen foods), was already installed at Dunkirk and carried out the first test imports of bananas. A second association, GIPAM, followed SICABAM, and 2000 saw others:

BANALLIANCE, KARUBA and

BANAGUA moved into a new extension of 7,000m². In 2003, as part of the modernisation of the banana sector, the Guadeloupe and Martinique Banana Producers' Union (UGPBAN) was formed and DUNFRESH now had a single point of contact. In 2005 DUNFRESH doubled its surface area to 28,000 m²

DUNFRESH, which has a workforce of 100, was formed in 1998 with premises of 7000 m². Initially it managed imports of bananas from the Caribbean on behalf of SICABAM, which was the largest association of banana producers in Martinique at the time. Another subsidiary of the group, DUNFROST (the first

which enabled it to import bananas from Surinam, Ivory Coast and the Dominican Republic, pineapples from Ivory Coast and Costa Rica, fruit and vegetables from Morocco, Chile and Peru, products for the chocolate industry (milk powder, cocoa butter, etc), dry goods, meat and more. The fully automated DUNFRESH extension is adaptable and can operate from - 1°C to +18°C depending on the products stored. DUNFRESH manages a volume of 350,000 tonnes annually, the equivalent of 17,500 40' containers a year and an average of 336 containers a week. Directed by Hilde Dejonghe and Luc Van Holzaet, DUNFRESH is part of the CONHEXA Group based in Steenvoorde, which also includes FRIGO A25, DUNFROST and HEXATRANS (INTERLAND) and offers total logistics solutions for frozen, fresh and dry goods. A press conference was held, as well as a tour of the warehouses.

COMMERCIAL EVENTS

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Two major events were organised by Dunkerque-Port as part of «Dunkirk 2013, Regional Capital of Culture»:

On 17 May, a breakfast at the Headquarters of the Nord-Pas de Calais Regional Council in Lille, attended by Daniel Percheron and Michel Delebarre. Forty guests – shippers, partners of the Port and public figures of Lille – were present for this stage of the «Container Tour», an operation designed to promote Dunkirk 13 in the towns of the region.

On 31 May, a sea cruise on board the three-master Artémis as part of the operation «Call at Dunkirk». Sixty partners of the Port were present.

On 17 June an information meeting on the Port of Dunkirk will be held at the Grand Hainaut CCI in Valenciennes, organised by Club Logistique.



▲ At the headquarters of the Nord-Pas de Calais Regional Council, 17 May.

<< On board the Artémis, 31 May.

TRADE FAIRS

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The Commercial Division of Dunkerque-Port was present at the Break Bulk fair in Antwerp, Belgium, from 14 to 16 May, and at Transport Logistic Munich in Germany from 4 to 7 June.

PRIZE

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PARTNERSHIP WITH LES ÉCRANS DE LA MER

Dunkerque-Port participated in the third world sea film festival «Les Ecrans de la Mer» from 6 to 8 June 2013, awarding the Prize for the best film on the professions of the sea.

See the 2013 awards at <http://www.ecransdelamer.com/>

