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NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR DUNKERQUE-PORT

On Friday 24 January 2014 Henri Jean, Sub-Prefect of Dunkirk, representing the Nord-Pas de Calais Region, installed the new Board of Trustees at Dunkerque-Port.

During this installation meeting the Board of Trustees elected its new Chair, François Soulet de Brugière (Executive Director of Société de Recherche de Synergies) and Vice-Chair, Wulfran Despicht (Vice-Chair of the Nord-Pas de Calais Regional Council and Deputy Mayor of Dunkirk).

In addition to Mr Soulet de Brugière and Mr Despicht, the following people were appointed to GPMD's Board of Trustees:

Jean-Yves Belotte, President of the «Personnel and Services» Section of the General Council for the Environment and Sustainable Development;

Dominique Bur, Prefect of the Nord-Pas de Calais Region and the Nord Department;

Jo Dairin, Vice-President of Dunkirk Urban Community;

Michel Delebarre, President of Dunkirk Urban Community, Former Minister of State, MP and Mayor of Dunkirk;

Aymeric Ducrocq, State Holdings Agency (APE);

Michel Dupuis, Director and Adviser to General Management, French Railways;

Pascal Gregoire, Dunkerque-Port Employees' Representative;

Alain Ledaguanel, President of SNSM Dunkerque (National Lifeboat Society);

Sylviane Natiez, Dunkerque-Port Executive Employees' Representative;

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Michel Pascal, Regional Director for the Environment, Development and Housing;

Jean-Marc Puissesseau, President of the Côte d'Opale Chamber of Commerce and Industry;

Bertrand Ringot, Nord General Councillor and Mayor of Gravelines;

Grégory Scharre, Dunkerque-Port Employees' Representative;

François Schlumberger, Company Manager and Executive Director;

Antoine Seillan, Head of Transport Section.

Following this installation meeting, François Soulet de Brugière spoke of his satisfaction and his ambitions for Dunkerque-Port: *«The port is doing well, even though some bulk handling lines are under significant threat, and though the growth of the container sector still requires just as much energy. My goal is to support the port community as a whole so that our activities maintain steady progress, promoting employment and the redistribution of wealth. You also know that I am strongly in favour of more concerted action with the other ports of the Côte d'Opale and the inland ports of the Nord-Pas de Calais region. And last but not least, this position will allow me to continue my work within the French Seaports Association of which I am Deputy Chair.»*

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France's third-ranking port, Dunkirk is well known as a port handling heavy bulk cargoes for its numerous industrial installations. It has also built its reputation in other sectors such as cross-Channel RORO traffic to Great Britain, containers, fruit, etc. Classified as the seventh port of the North Europe Range which extends from Le Havre to Hamburg, Dunkirk is also the leading French port for ore and coal imports, France's leading port for containerised fruit imports, and the country's second-ranking port for trade with Great Britain.

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