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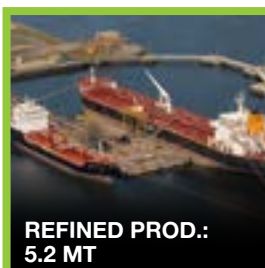
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2013 TRAFFIC: 43.6 MT (-8,5%)

TOTAL TRAFFIC TO THE END OF DECEMBER, ALL TYPES TAKEN TOGETHER, WAS 43.6 MT, DOWN 8.5% OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. NOTE THE RECORD IMPACT RECORD OF CONTAINERS WITH AN OVERALL RISE OF 12% COMPARED WITH 2012.



**2013 TRAFFIC :
43.6 MT**



**REFINED PROD.:
5.2 MT**



**BULK LIQUIDS:
6.1 MT**



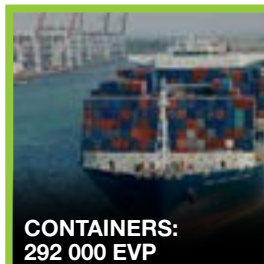
**ORE:
12 MT**



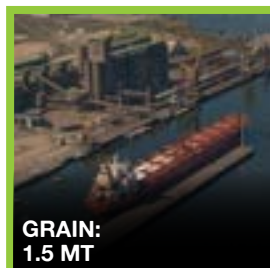
**GEN. CARGOES:
15.9 MT**



**RORO TRAFFIC:
12.3 MT**



**CONTAINERS:
292 000 EVP**



**GRAIN:
1.5 MT**



**SHIPS' CALLS:
6 186**



**BULK SOLIDS:
21.6 MT**



**HYDROCARBONS:
5.2 MT**



**COAL:
5.3 MT**

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DEL MONTE CHOOSES THE PORT OF DUNKIRK



Since January 2014 Del Monte France has imported its cargoes of bananas from Cameroon via the Port of Dunkirk, using CMA CGM's PC Hebdo line which serves Europe from the West Coast of Africa. The containerisation of these banana imports, which has replaced conventional transport, influenced Del Monte's choice

in favour of Dunkirk. Del Monte has signed an agreement with CMA CGM, who recently announced the reorganisation of its PC Hebdo service (7 ships with 3,500 TEU capacity), positioning the Port of Dunkirk as the foremost European port for goods imported from the West Coast of Africa, and the obvious logistical choice for forwarding to Rungis. Del Monte's decision to ship its traffic from Cameroon via Dunkirk coincides with the announcement of its first

ripening shed in France, at Rungis International Market. This means that, since 2 January, Del Monte has been able to distribute its bananas in the yellow stage thanks to a new distribution centre of 3,000 m². The total capacity of the ripening shed will be 27,000 tonnes of bananas a year. ■



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NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR DUNKERQUE-PORT

On Friday 24 January 2014 Henri Jean, Sub-Prefect of Dunkirk representing the Prefect of 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 François Soulet de Brugière and Wulfran 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;

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

• Pascal Gregoire, Dunkerque-Port Employees' Representative;

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

• Sylviane Natiez, Dunkerque-Port Executive Employees' Representative;

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

• Jean-Marc Puisseuseau, 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. ■

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POWER PLANT LOADED FOR MEXICO



From 3 to 5 February, at F12, Barra SNM loaded the components of a Mitsubishi power plant on board the Combi-Lift Palabora bound for San Diego in the USA. This consignment of 1,400 tonnes comprised 250 loads, including a gas turbine, a generator of 295 tonnes and a rotor of 50 tonnes. Once assembled, the parts will form a power plant to supply electricity to a city of 500,000 to 700,000 inhabitants. ■

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TRADE MISSION TO THE CARIBBEAN



Marking 15 years of partnership with the French Antilles, Dunkerque-Port, France's leading port for containerised fruit imports, organised a commercial mission to Guadeloupe and Martinique at the end of January 2014. With strategic planning and a series of special events, the Commercial Division of Dunkerque-Port was able to meet the banana producers and the partners of this sector on site. ■

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TRADE FAIR



The Commercial Division of Dunkerque-Port was present at the Fruit Logistica trade fair in Berlin from 5 to 7 February 2014. Fruit Logistica is the leading trade fair for the fruit and vegetables sector. The event was attended by 2,400 companies from all over the world. ■

DUNKERQUE-PORT WILL SOON BE AT:

- Intermodal Sao Paolo: 1 to 3 April
- SITL Paris: 1 to 4 April
- TransRussia Moscow: 22 to 25 April
- Multimodal Birmingham: 29 April to 1 May
- Breakbulk Antwerp: 13 to 15 May
- Medfel Perpignan: 13 to 15 May

CHRISTINE CABAU WOEHREL HONoured AT THE IBJ AWARDS



Christine Cabau Woehrel, Chair of the Executive Committee at Dunkerque-Port, was named «Personality of the Year 2013» by the International Bulk Journal at the IBJ Awards, a ceremony held this year at the Salle Wagram in Paris on 18 November 2013. Some 450 professionals of the international bulk scene were present at this event, during which a range of trophies are traditionally given to reward the work done in the dry bulk maritime transport sector. This distinction of the IBJ Awards, a token of real recognition for professionals of the dry bulk sector, was presented to Christine Cabau Woehrel by the International Bulk Journal's Director of Publications, Ray Girvan. ■

KUBOTA ANNOUNCES THE SETUP OF AN ASSEMBLY PLANT AT BIERNE



The Japanese group Kubota has announced the installation of a farm tractor assembly plant in Dunkirk (Bierne), where they will develop a new range of more powerful farm tractors. Yasuo Masumoto, the Chairman of Kubota, whose head office is at Osaka in Japan, will set up a new assembly facility for farm tractors in the Bierendyck industrial park in Bierne, Dunkirk. The choice of this location in northern France forms part of the Japanese group's overall strategy for the expansion of its agricultural business line. The key features of the project are an investment of more than 40 million Euros and the creation of 140 jobs by 2017. Works to adapt the site will begin in 2014, with production scheduled to start in April 2015. Kubota chose Bierne, near Dunkirk, after studying a number of sites in several European countries. This construction facility, designed for the assembly of large tractors, will assemble approximately 3,000 tractors a year for the European, North American, Australian and Japanese markets. The parts will be shipped in containers directly from Japan. For Kubota Corporation, «the site selected, near Dunkirk in France, is in the centre of our main market in Europe for this new model. It is also close to the port's terminals for export, which will give us a substantial advantage overall in terms of logistics costs.» ■

DUNKERQUE-PORT REWARDED AT THE 3rd SHORTSEA NIGHT

The third Shortsea Night was held on Wednesday 11 December, organised by the Shortsea Promotion Centre BP2S and bringing together more than 150 key transport and logistics operators at the Cernuschi Museum in Paris. The «Port Trophy» was awarded to the Port of Dunkirk for the development of shortsea shipping.

With a shortsea traffic volume of 30 million tonnes, the Port of Dunkirk has included the development of shortsea lines in its strategic plan. The recent startup of containerised services to Morocco, Portugal, Scandinavia, the Baltic and Russia, as well as the services to the United Kingdom, demonstrate the Port's attractiveness for shipping companies in terms of logistics choices. In the future, the Port of Dunkirk intends to offer a credible alternative to the existing «road only» solutions and so increase the share of French ports in European shortsea traffic. For several years now, the Port has been actively seeking shortsea shipping solutions and new systems of overland transport. Dunkirk intends to contribute to the government's

plans for decongesting roads and reducing CO2 emissions, by promoting the emergence of transport solutions that are synonymous with consolidated modal switchover. From initiatives encouraging the development of shortsea shipping to the Port's concrete involvement in intermodal services, modal switchover has become a strategy for the development of traffic at Dunkirk. ■

