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DUNKERQUE-PORT WELCOMES THE START OF THE SEINE-NORD CANAL

On Friday 26 September French Prime Minister Manuel Valls came to announce officially, in Arras, the government's commitment to the building of the Seine-Nord Canal linking the Greater Paris area with the major ports of northern Europe, including Dunkirk.

The entire port community welcomes the start of this vital and long-awaited project: *«Commitment to the Seine-Nord Canal has always been total. The staff of the port of Dunkirk and all the operators of the port community have been working with design offices for many years on the new traffic opportunities offered by this waterway. GPMD has also contributed to the various studies related to this major project, as various routes have been planned and different assumptions considered. It now intends to continue and develop the partnerships already begun with inland platforms, through Nord Gateway (the Regional Port Businesses Association). In more concrete terms, it is certain that the excavation of this canal will substantially enlarge Dunkirk's hinterland, make it possible to meet the growing demand for aggregates in the Paris area, to reach many grain ports along the future canal, and to increase container traffic at import and export.»*



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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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