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2014 TRAFFIC: DUNKERQUE-PORT HANDLED 47.10 MT IN 2014 (UP 8% COMPARED WITH 2013)

General cargo and solid bulk traffics performed well and posted a total increase in volume of 8% to 47 MT, a rise of 3.4 MT compared with 2013.

RoRo traffic was up 13% at 13.9 MT (new record). The number of trucks and trailers rose by 14% to 573,310 freight units (new record). Passengers and tourist cars rose by 10 and 4% respectively to 2,525,133 passengers (new record) and 672,780 vehicles.

Containers were up 6% overall to a volume of 2.9 MT. A new record was set in numbers with 311,830 TEU, an increase of 7%. Full containers rose by 6% to 176,523 TEU.

General cargoes rose by 12% to 17.8 MT (new record).

It was a good year for ore traffic, which increased by 13% to 13.5 MT. Coal traffic improved during the second half-year but was still down by 6% at 5.1 MT.

Grain set a new annual record at 2.3 MT, a rise of 49% over 2013 (the last one was in 1991 with 2.2 MT). The new record for a grain campaign (July 2013 to June 2014) had been reached last June with 2.4 MT.

«Small» solid bulks were stable at 2.6 MT.

Solid bulks were up 9% overall at 23.6 MT.

Petroleum products showed a drop of 4% to 4.9 MT.

Other liquid bulks were down 23% to 0.7 MT, because they were affected by the closure of Diester Industries for the whole year.

Overall, liquid bulks fell by 7% to 5.6 MT.

The port of Dunkirk berthed 6,329 ships in 2014 (+7%).

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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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