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## HALF-YEARLY REVIEW: INCREASED TRAFFIC (TOTAL: 23.37 MT, +1%)

Traffic at Dunkerque-Port has been making a steady recovery since February 2015. The total to the end of June, up 1%, has now exceeded the 2014 traffic figure and reached 23.37 MT.

**Ore** made a slower start to the year than in 2014: traffic was 6.06 MT, a drop of 12%. However, **coal** volumes were encouraging and reached 2.22 MT, up 11%. **Grain** confirmed the good performance of 2014 making an exceptional half-year with more than 2.03 MT, a leap of 53%. The 2014/2015 grain campaign set a new absolute record with 3.02 MT, beating the previous record of 2.4 MT for the 2013/2014 campaign.

**General cargoes were up 12% overall with a tonnage of 9.78 MT.**

Cross-Channel traffic saw an excellent start to the year with 7.65 MT (+13%).

The number of **trucks and trailers** was up 18% with 330,000 freight units. Numbers of **passengers** and tourist cars increased respectively by 29% with 1.33 million passengers and 10% with 290,000 **vehicles**.

**Containers** are recovering. The replacement of the LION export service by the OCEAN 3 import service has significantly affected the transhipment to Asia of empty containers at the Flanders Terminal, and the total was 151,000 TEU (-2%). However, full **containers** alone rose by 10% to 98,000 TEU.

**General cargoes** increased by 37% to a tonnage of 669 KT.

«**Small**» **solid bulk** traffic was satisfactory at 1.25 MT (-6%).

**Solid bulks were stable at 11.58 MT.**

**Petroleum products** fell 27% to 1.80 MT, following the decline in activity at the SRD and TOTAL facilities.

**Other liquid bulks** were down 43% at 221 KT.

Overall, liquid bulks slumped by 29% to 2.02 MT.

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## NEW CHANNEL TERMINAL: FIRST STONE LAID

Wednesday 22 April 2015 saw the official launch of work on the new cross-Channel terminal, when a ceremony was held to lay the first stone. The event took place in the presence of Dunkerque-Port's CEO Stéphane Raisin, Carsten Jensen, Senior Vice-President of DFDS Seaways, and Henri Jean, Sub-Prefect of the Dunkirk District, as well as the leading figures involved in the project.



The volumes of vehicles transiting through the port of Dunkirk on their way to Great Britain account for a large proportion of total cross-Channel traffic. In view of this success, and to prepare for the future, Dunkerque-Port and DFDS signed a memorandum of understanding in November 2013 defining a redevelopment programme for the cross-Channel terminal.

As part of these redevelopment works, DFDS will construct a new passenger reception building (the first stone of which was laid in April) and control booths at the entrance to the site.

The port of Dunkirk will assist DFDS in these works, and will also create the necessary yards and buildings for the control of vehicles and passengers as well as the pre-boarding parking areas, which will be located close to the walkways to facilitate boarding operations. These works are 10% funded under the Trans-European Transport Networks (TEN-T) scheme.

These new developments will improve access to the terminal from the highways and motorways, and allow customers to move quickly and easily from the entrance to the boarding car parks.

They will also speed up border and security controls in compliance with European and international regulations, and improve the security arrangements of the site. Other objectives include shorter ship loading and discharge times, improved safety for the personnel in charge of these operations, and increased capacities of the pre-boarding car parks (provision for more than two ships fully loaded).

The total investment is 13,680,000 Euros.



## 145-HECTARE LOGISTICS PARK TO OPEN SOON

On 7 April 2015 Dunkerque-Port was granted the local authority decree on Protected Species. This decree, a crucial step in the regulatory process for all development projects, authorises the development of the DLI-Sud (Dunkerque Logistique International Sud) logistics platform in the Loon-Plage district of the Western Port.



The DLI-Sud project involves the development, by Dunkerque-Port, of a multimodal platform to host logistics businesses. It will cover an area of 145.7 hectares and will be provided with road and rail links to meet the demands of industrialists in the sector.

This project has been the focus of considerable attention in the implementation of the environmental doctrine to «Avoid, Reduce and Offset», making it a showcase for the Port's know-how in the sustainable development of the Industrial Port Area. Almost 9 ha of existing natural environments that are home to some remarkable fauna and flora have been protected by a redesign of the project in terms of sustainability.

Outside the area, nearly 30 hectares of diversified habitats will be recreated, including wetlands, meadows and woodlands, favourable to a wide range of plant and animal species.

The signing of the Protected Species decree marks a key stage in the development process of the DLI-Sud logistics platform.

The public enquiry in progress will complete the project's administrative approval procedure and lead to the issuance of the «Water Law» decree which should allow the development works to start at the beginning of 2016.

**This means that nearly 145 ha will be ready to host new logistics and industrial businesses during 2016.**

## VISIT OF OVERSEAS MINISTER'S CABINET DIRECTOR

Jacques Witkowski, Cabinet Director for French Overseas Minister George Pau-Langevin, visited the port of Dunkirk on 2 July 2015. He was taken to the DAMEN shipyards and shown over the «Marion Dufresne II».



Accompanied by Cécile Pozzo Di Borgo, Prefect of the French Southern and Antarctic Territories, Yves Frénot, Director of the Institut Paul Émile Victor, Stéphane Raison, CEO of Dunkerque-Port, Bob Derks, General Director of DAMEN, Jean-François Tallec, Institutional Adviser on Maritime Policy at CMA CGM, Guillaume Lathelize, Central Director for the Antilles-Guiana-Oceania Lines at CMA-CGM, and Thierry Bonnetête, Director of the Specialist Transport Department at CMA CGM, the Overseas Minister's Cabinet Director saw the impressive «Marion Dufresne II» project at first hand. Owned by the French Southern and Antarctic Territories and commissioned by CMA CGM, the «Marion-Dufresne-II» is one of the jewels of the French oceanographic fleet. Built in Le Havre in 1995, the vessel carries out oceanographic research under the auspices of the Institut Paul Émile Victor and provides logistics services under the responsibility of the French Southern and Antarctic Territories. On 14 March of this year, the famous exploration ship arrived in the DAMEN ship repair yard of Dunkerque-Port for an upgrade of its scientific instruments and a major overhaul of its hull and engines. After four months of works, the first sea trials are scheduled for mid-July.

