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DE GAULLE LOCK: BRIDGE LEAF REMOVAL WORKS

The De Gaulle Lock will be closed to shipping from 1 to 3 December 2015 while the bridge leaf is removed (the part used by road traffic).

Readers will be aware that because of the alarming spread of cracks on its framework, the De Gaulle Lock bridge has remained up since 20 May 2014.

Following the preliminary investigations conducted after it was raised, and to protect the structure against winter storms, Dunkerque-Port carried out reinforcement works on the structure at the end of December 2014. Now, because of the bridge's weight and configuration, we have decided to remove the leaf in order to continue the technical investigations on land.

Following a call for tenders, the firm BAUDIN CHATEAUNEUF MÉTAL NORD has been selected to disconnect and remove the leaf by crane. At the same time, a call for tenders has been issued for its possible repair and for restoration of the route to the Saint Pol pier in 2017.

The current budget for this first phase of the operation is €500,000 (€386,014 for removal and €110,356 for safety works).

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