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3 QUESTIONS FOR... PHILIPPE BERTONÈCHE SEA-Bulk CEO

How was the year 2007?

The first three quarters of 2007 were satisfactory, in line with 2006. At the Western Bulk Terminal and at the ArcelorMittal quays, the 2007 activity will be down by 4 to 5% compared to 2006. However on the other quays – Grande-Synthe and Escaut (QGS), Multi-Bulk Terminal (TMV), Freyclinet 11 – and notwithstanding a marked decline of imported scrap, the overall activity will be ahead of that of 2006, with good figures for granulated slag for export, and new import/export flows of clinker.



What are the infrastructure and equipment highlights of 2007?

At the Western Bulk Terminal, the renewal of the gantry and the C3 circuit rail tracks was completed. The P23 gantry lifting gears were renewed, a major repair that will make that critical Western Bulk Terminal facility good for many years to come. As for any other year, we have proceeded to the partial renewal of our equipment (bulk loaders, scoops and grabs), replacing eight units.

What are your targets for the coming years?

In the context of the very height freights for large dry bulk carriers (cape size, panamax), SEA-Bulk's aim is to further the time gains obtained during the calls of those vessels at the Port of Dunkirk's unloading facilities. To this end, the building of a barge and coaster loading dock north of the Western Bulk Terminal will enable to fully utilize the two Western Bulk Terminal's quayside berths for the simultaneous unloading of two cape size ships. This will of course involve the partial renewal of our unloading facilities (gantry). Also, in order to remain a major player in the field of bulk transport, we will continuously be improving the quality of our services. For many years this involves the deep training of our personnel in all the fields of expertise required by our activity (safety, equipment handling, maintenance, supervising).

November 2007 Traffic



Sands increased by 12%, at 559 KT. Minor dry bulks increased by 1%, at 2.5 MT. General cargoes, driven by the ro-ro traffic with the UK, achieved a significant increase of 7%, at 14.4 MT.

Hydropale inauguration

A treatment station for oil-polluted waters was inaugurated at Dunkirk on 12 November 2007. Hydropale, a subsidiary of Veolia Propreté, has a treatment capacity of 40,000 tons of



fuel-polluted water and of 14,000 tons of water polluted by minerals. The facility aims at the marine and industrial markets (merchant and fishing ship fuel tanks, ship repair, etc.)

The Port of Dunkirk at the SITL-SHANGHAI (10-12 December 2007)

The Port of Dunkirk Authority will be taking part in the SITL logistics and trade show to be held in Shanghai on 10-12 December 2007. The Port will be presenting its logistical assets and latest developments. With the support of the Dunkirk Urban Community and of the Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Port Authority will be emphasizing its projects in the field of logistics.