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DUNKERQUE-PORT: NEW GANTRY CRANE FOR THE GRAIN TERMINAL

In early November an impressive 400-tonne grain gantry, from Le Havre, was lifted off the 160m-long ship LONE with the two 1,000-tonne cranes and then placed on the Grande-Synthe quay by the staff of BARRA SNM.

The grain terminal in the Port of Dunkirk, where grain traffic is growing fast, is now equipped with two gantry cranes. At the end of October 2011, grain traffic posted an increase of 48% over 2010, with a volume of 1.68 MT.

This new gantry crane illustrates the policy of Dunkirk, France's foremost rail port and the leading inland waterway port of the Nord-Pas de Calais region, to develop grain traffic throughout the hinterland of the Nord-Pas de Calais, Picardy and Champagne-Ardennes.

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Dunkirk is classified as the 7th port of the North Europe Range which extends from Le Havre to Hamburg. Its western port offers the deepest draughts of the Range for container ships and large ore carriers.