

## NEW 24H FROST WAREHOUSE IN THE WESTERN PORT OF DUNKERQUE: FOUNDATION STONE LAID

On Monday, 22 October, Patrice Vergriete, President of the Urban Community of Dunkerque, François Soulet de Brugière and Stéphane Raison, respectively Chair of the board of trustees and Chief Executive Officer at Dunkerque-Port, Eric Rommel, Mayor of Loon-Plage, and José Lamaire, representing the 24H FROST company, proceeded to lay the foundation stone for the 24H FROST warehouse, located in the logistics area of the Western Port of Dunkerque.

For more than 50 years the LAMAIRE Company based in Belgium has been one of the leading companies in West Flanders for potato trading on European and international export markets, both in fresh and industrial foods. The company has recently taken an agro-industrial turn with the construction of an I FRY brand french fries factory.

The main activity of the company is the production of frozen french fries intended mainly for international exports in refrigerated containers or temperature-controlled trucks. With a production site based in Vleteren, Belgium, refrigerated container potting was carried out at a Belgian logistics provider.

In order to control its own logistics and to benefit from more favourable transport conditions, through its French subsidiary 24H FROST, the LAMAIRE company decided to set up shop in Dunkerque to build and operate its own cold storage warehouse located near the container terminals and ferries of the Western Port.

This new 20 metre-high warehouse will be built on 6,000 sq. m with a freezer volume of 80,000 m<sup>3</sup> and a capacity of 10,600 pallets. It will help to initially create 5 to 7 jobs.

François Soulet de Brugière, Chair of the board of trustees at Dunkerque-Port *"Welcomed this new set-up on-site in the West Port of Dunkerque and thanked José Lamaire for his decision. The development of container traffic, coupled with the expansion of logistics, is of great interest by relocating logistics operations creating jobs and added value in the region... Dunkerque-Port provides investors with logistics areas tailored to the growth in traffic. For example, in 2019, 145 hectares of additional logistics areas will be delivered in several phases by Dunkerque-Port to accommodate warehouses and storage areas."*

### About Dunkerque-Port:

*The largest French port complex (Calais-Dunkerque); the ninth largest port on the Channel and North Sea Range and France's third-largest port, Dunkerque-Port has built a reputation in many sectors: it is the largest passenger port in Europe (Calais-Dunkerque hub); France's largest energy hub; the country's largest LNG terminal; the leading French port for containerised fruit and vegetable imports; the largest French port for ore and coal imports; France's largest rail port; the region's largest waterway port; and the third-ranking French port for grain traffic. Dunkerque-Port is also a sustainable port. It is the trading port of the new Hauts-de-France Region, the largest agricultural region of France, the leading region for the rail industry, and the leading region for the car industry. 2017 Traffic: 50.2 Mt*

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