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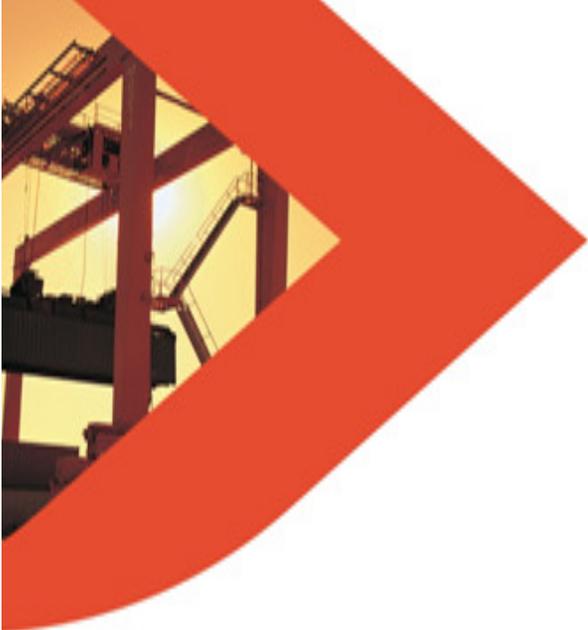
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### FRANCE

#### **A transport terminal combining rail and road services at Calais**

A German company, CargoBeamer intends to develop a transport terminal at Calais combining rail and road services. The first phase of the project will require investments of €30 million.

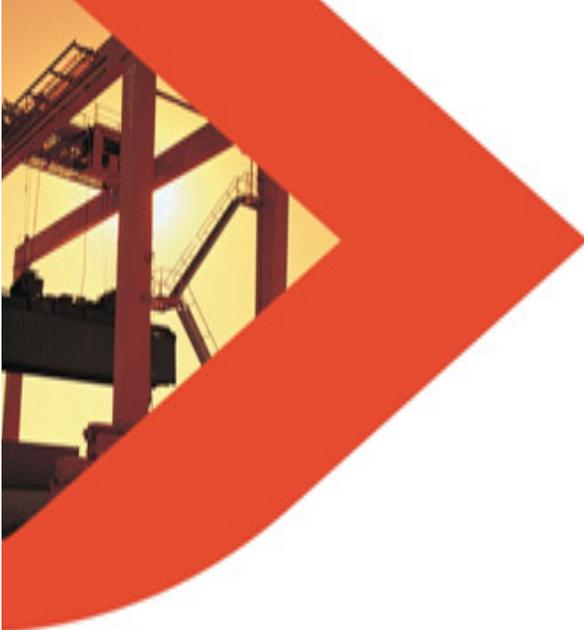
Unaccompanied semi-trailers and mega-trailers, especially those coming from or whose final destination is the United Kingdom, are targeted. They will be lifted or unloaded from trains which will link the port of Calais to the city of Leipzig in Germany. The operations of the transport terminal will begin towards the end of 2013.

#### **Improvement priorities for Air France cargo division**

According to the statement of accounts for 2011 that Air France has recently published, it recorded last year an operating loss of €60 million for its Cargo Division. Several improvement priorities have been identified for its freight activities, particularly in the areas of purchasing and fleet management through The enhanced integration of Air France and its joint companies, KLM and Martinair.

#### **CMA CGM will add a new call at Dunkirk on its EPIC service**

As from the 7<sup>th</sup> June, CMA CGM will add an additional direct call at Dunkirk port on its EPIC service from India, the Gulf and the Mediterranean.



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## INDIA

### **Heavy investments in Chennai**

In Chennai, several projects are emerging. The government of the Tamil Nadu province has announced the setting up of an industrial park worth Rs 150 billion in that city so as to attract foreign direct investment.

Furthermore, the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation and multinational IOCL intend to erect a Liquefied Natural Gas import terminal at Ennore. The project which will have a capacity of five million tonnes per year, will require an investment of Rs 4.3 billion. Pipelines and related infrastructures will also have to be set up.

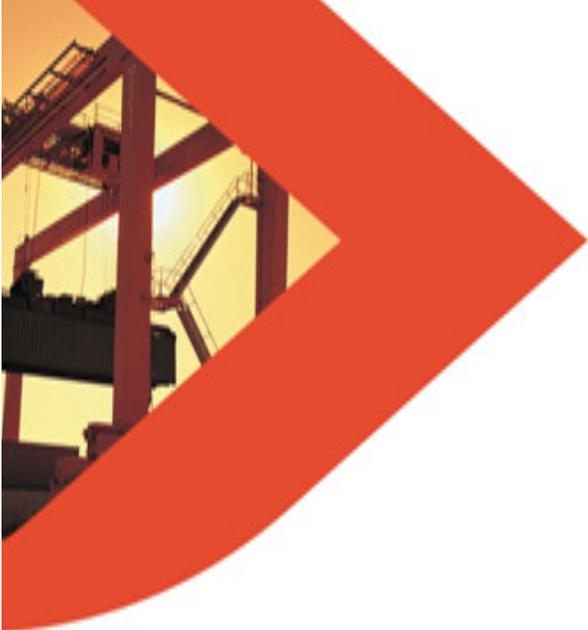
### **25 port projects are expected to be completed in 2012/ 13**

The Minister of shipping, G.K. Vasan stated to the press that 25 port projects are expected to be completed in 2012/ 13 under the public private partnership (PPP) agreements. A total of Rs 138 billion will be injected in these developments.

### **Rs 15.7 billion to build a 7 km tunnel**

A tunnel 7 km long will be constructed in the near future. It will contribute to boost trade by reducing by 140 km, the geographical distance between Holi in the district of Chamba and Utrala located in the district of Kangra.

Rs 15.7 billion have been budgeted for that project.



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## MADAGASCAR

### **President Andry Rajoelina prohibits gold exports**

President Andry Rajoelina has forbidden gold exports. He considers gold as a country's wealth and has also pointed out that his decision was motivated by loopholes in the current laws.

Only the Central Bank is now empowered to export gold after undertaking an international tender.

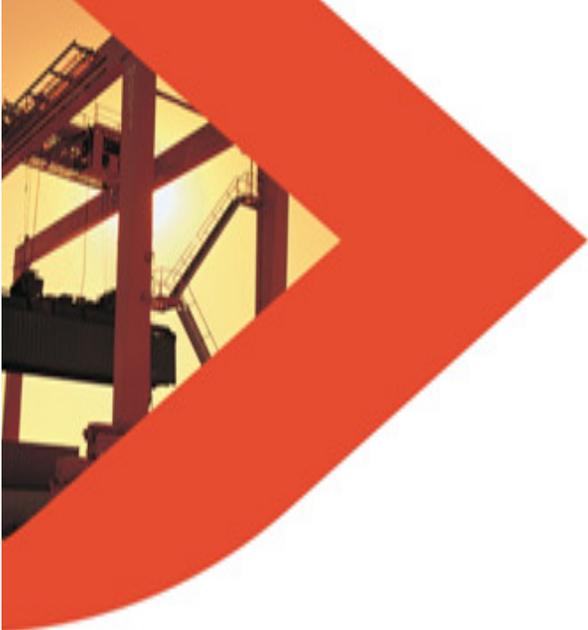
### **Air Madagascar has acquired two Airbus A 340**

Air Madagascar has made the acquisition of 2 Airbus A 340 from Air France. The first plane christened 'Elatra' or 'wing' is already in operation since mid-April and the other one will start service at the end of June. The A 340 has a lower fuel consumption than the Boeing 767 previously used by the Malagasy air company.

« In the aircraft market, a plane like this A 340 must cost between 28 million and 31 million dollars. I cannot give the exact figure because of the contract but I can say that our plane is very much cheaper», stated the director general of Air Madagascar, Hugues Ratsiferana.

### **The European Union will offer 100 million euros to Madagascar**

These 100 million euros will be mainly used to finance projects in the basic health and education fields (44 million euros), in food security (34 million euros) and to revamp rural roads (12 million euros).



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## MAURITIUS

### **A strategic partner for the Cargo Handling Corporation**

News is spreading around among the local shipping agents that five terminal operators may have been pre-selected to be the strategic partner of the Cargo Handling Corporation: APM Terminals, CMA CGM, ICTSI of Philippines, MSC and a company from India.

The Government of Mauritius will select a strategic partner for the Cargo Handling Corporation with the objective of increasing container traffic.

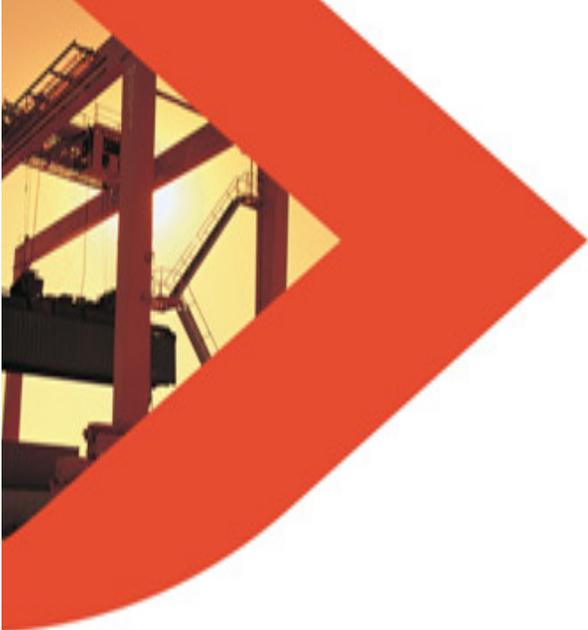
### **The value of exports reached Rs10.76 billion during first quarter of 2012**

According to latest statistics, the Export-Oriented Enterprises Sector has achieved a 2.8% increase in turnover during the first quarter of 2012 as compared to the same period in 2011.

The value of exports increased from Rs10.47 billion to Rs10.76 billion, with a rise of 60.9% in Watches and Clocks, of 35.1% in Fish and Fish Preparations and of 8.8% in Optical Goods.

### **Boosting investment between Mauritius and Kenya**

An Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement has been signed between Mauritius and Kenya. It will be easier for investors from both countries to invest their capital and repatriate their investments and profits.



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## MOZAMBIQUE

### **CMA CGM has reshuffled its Asia –Mozambique route**

The shipping company CMA CGM has reshuffled its Asia –Mozambique route.

Since the 8<sup>th</sup> May, seven vessels of 2 200 TEU are dedicated to the MOZEX2 service which has replaced the previous MOZEX service. The vessels call at the following ports: Tanjung Pelepas-Port Kelang-Pointe Des Galets-Toamasina Maputo-Beira-Nacala-Port Louis.

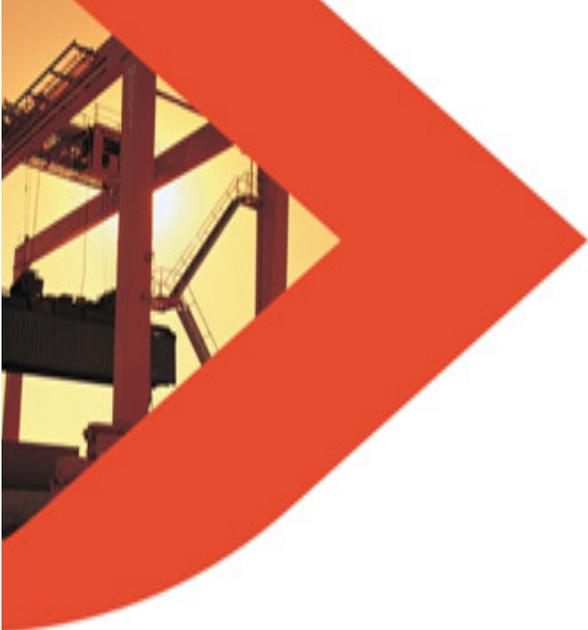
### **PetroSA plans to construct a US \$ 4 billion plant**

The South African oil company PetroSA had talks with the Government of Mozambique to develop a gas-to-liquid (GTL) plant to meet the increasing demand for diesel in Mozambique and in the region.

The plant will produce 40 000 barrels a day and its construction will require investments of around US \$ 4 billion.

### **US \$ 80 million to be invested to rehabilitate the Sena rail line**

The ports and railway company, CFM intends to invest US \$ 80 million to rehabilitate the Sena rail line which links the port of Beira with coal mines in the Tete province. The project is expected to be completed by early 2013.



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## REUNION ISLAND

### **Project of a central buying structure for small shops selling foodstuffs**

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) will launch its project of setting up a central buying structure for the small shops selling foodstuffs. Between the years 2000 and 2011, their number has dropped from by 17%, from 1 006 to 833 enterprises.

« Some small traders are forced to supply themselves in the supermarkets because the prices offered by the wholesalers are more expensive », pointed out Ibrahim Patel, chairman of CCI.

The central buying structure will enable them to obtain their products from other distribution channels in Reunion island or through import.

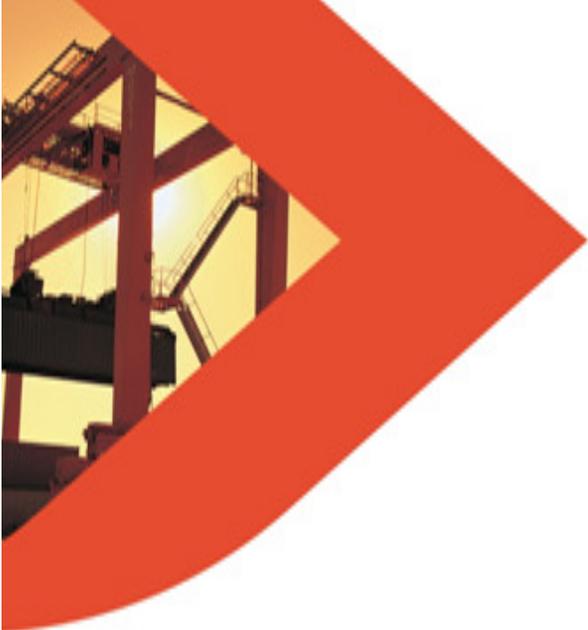
The project is expected to be completed by the end of year 2014.

### **Tereos intends to expand in fast-growing markets**

The French sugar and ethanol group Tereos which produces cane in Reunion island, intends to expand in fast-growing markets such as Brazil and China.

### **Air Austral will postpone acquisition of an Airbus A 380 plane**

Air Austral will not cancel but postpone its project of acquiring an Airbus A380 plane as the airline is expected to close the financial year 2011-12 at the end of May, with losses between 45 and 48 million euros.



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## OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

### **The Port of Salalah will more than double its capacity**

The Ministry of Transport and Communications of Oman has awarded a commercial bid valued at US \$143 million to increase the dry bulk cargo handling capacity of the Port of Salalah to 20 million tons annually. For the time being, the annual general cargo handling capacity is 5.5 million tons.

### **Shipping lines announce tariff increases**

Since the 15<sup>th</sup> May, the shipping company Maersk has increased its freight rates from the United States to the Indian subcontinent by US \$150 per container, irrespective of size and capacity.

Moreover, CMA CGM has introduced since the 1<sup>st</sup> May, a surcharge of US \$ 385 per TEU on shipments from Asia to Europe, including Northern Europe, Mediterranean and Black Sea ports.

The freight rates have also increased by US \$ 150 per TEU on shipments between India and West Africa.

### **London Gateway**

London Gateway will be UK's largest logistics centre when it opens at the end of 2013. The port will be able to handle 3.5 million TEU a year while the rail terminal will accommodate trains up to 34 wagons long.