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FRANCE

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Eurasia Groupe whose director is Hsueh Sheng Wang, a Chinese businessman established in France, will invest 22 million euros to develop a logistics hub at Le Havre that would be dedicated to import and export between Europe and Asia.

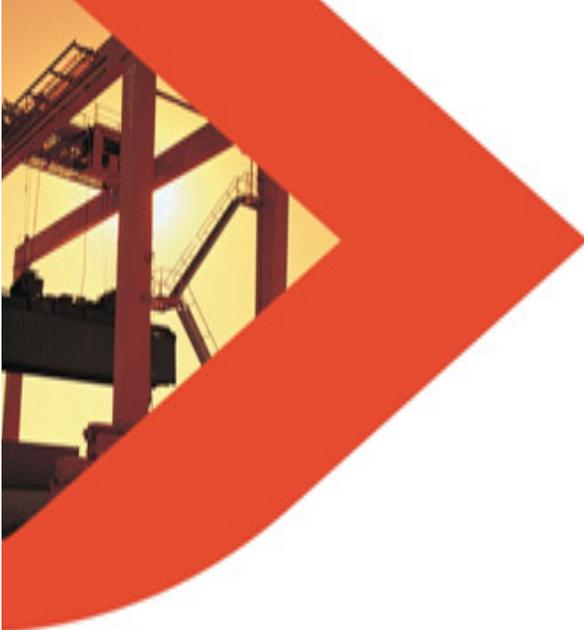
It targets to handle up to 8 000 TEUs each year especially of building materials, products for the home, furnishings and decorative goods, on the import side. The logistics hub will be used to export luxury goods, wines and spirits. Three warehouses covering a surface area of 78 000 square metres that were no longer used, have already been acquired by Eurasia Groupe. It is worth noting that last year, 56% of the total traffic at the port of Le Havre came from Asia.

Air France has started to operate its seasonal flights between Paris and Minneapolis-Saint Paul

Air France has started to operate its seasonal flights between Paris (Charles de Gaulle airport) and Minneapolis-Saint Paul. Up to the 16th June, five direct flights by Airbus A 340 are scheduled each week and as from the 17th June till the 1st September 2013, there will be a daily flight.

CMA CGM will increase its rates on Asia-north Europe trades

As from the 1st July, CMA CGM will increase its rate by US \$ 775 per TEU on the Asia-north Europe trades.



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INDIA

A boost to the underground metro project which will link Colaba and Seepz

The Japanese government has agreed to provide a loan of 71 billion yen and technical support for the underground metro project which will link Colaba and Seepz.

The metro corridor will be built over a distance of 33.5 km. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) whose objective is to assist in the economic and social growth of developing countries, will provide 56% of the cost of the project. The remaining cost of the project will be borne by the state and Central governments. Several Japanese companies (Kawasaki, Mitsubishi, Hitachi and Nippon) have expressed their interest to develop the project.

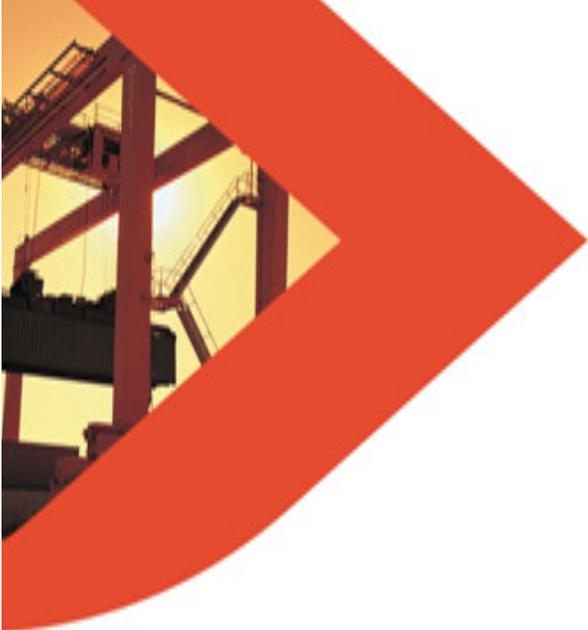
Construction of an airport at Kannur

The Indian government will initiate the construction works of the runway and related buildings at the future Kannur airport.

Several companies have been shortlisted including Indian companies as well as Turkish, Spanish and Russian firms in joint venture with Indian companies. The construction of the runway and allied buildings is estimated to cost Rs 7 billion.

Construction of a double rail corridor of 625 km

The company Larsen & Toubro Ltd has won the contract for the construction of a double rail corridor of 625 km between Rewari in Haryana and Iqbalgarh in Gujarat.



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MADAGASCAR

Air Madagascar to improve air access between the different islands of the Indian Ocean

The six member states of the Vanilla islands association (Mauritius, Reunion, Seychelles, Madagascar, Mayotte and Comoros) have chosen Air Madagascar to improve air access between the different islands and make them benefit air links with Guangzhou, China.

The Air Madagascar plane will not only contribute to bring Chinese tourists but also, to boost trade of perishable products between these islands of the Indian Ocean and China.

According to Alain Saint Ange, minister of Tourism of Seychelles island and president of the association, Air Madagascar is going through a difficult period like other companies and the Vanilla islands will help the company which has two planes that are under utilised as there are not enough air links. Landing rights in Reunion island and Seychelles will have to be obtained.

Large planes will be able to land at Nosy Be airport

The runway of Nosy Be airport which has just been widened, will be able to welcome large planes. The Airbus A 340 of Air Madagascar is awaited in the near future.

Air hub at Sambava

Air Madagascar uses the airport of Sambava as a hub for the SAVA zone.



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MAURITIUS

Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Mauritius and Turkey

The Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between Mauritius and Turkey has been effective since the 1st June 2013. Mauritian manufacturers are able to export their industrial products duty-free to Turkey except on 70 textile products on which customs tariffs will be phased out during the next 4 years.

Concerning agricultural products, Mauritian exporters obtain preferential access on 46 products including chilled fish, cut flowers, tropical fruits such as pineapples, mangoes and guava, vegetables, preserved tuna...

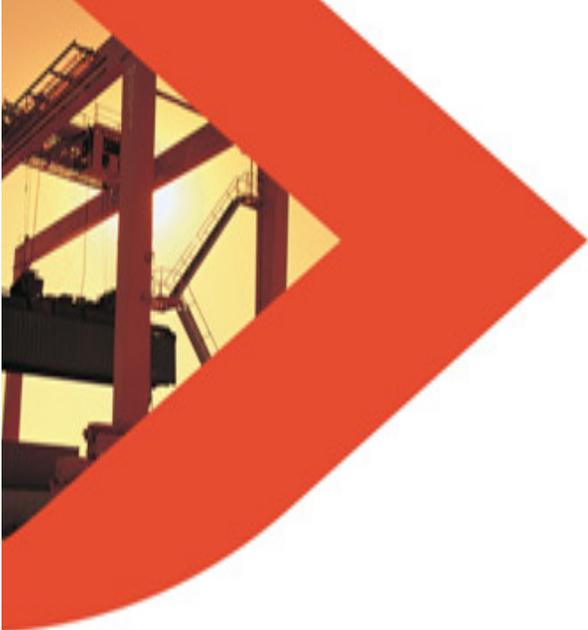
Before exporting fish and agricultural products to Turkey, the Mauritian companies need to abide by the regulations of Turkish authorities and ensure that the Turkish importers have been granted an import license by the Ministry of Economy of Turkey.

Trade activities between Mauritius and Monaco are expected to rise

Trade activities between Mauritius and the Principality of Monaco are expected to rise following the signature of a Double Taxation Avoidance Convention (DTAC) between the two countries. Furthermore, businesspeople from Monaco investing in Mauritius, will no longer be taxed twice on the same income or profit.

British American Investment (Mauritius) will pursue its expansion in Africa

British American Investment (Mauritius) will pursue its expansion in Africa, in Tanzania and Rwanda before the end of this year and deepen its real estate investments.



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MOZAMBIQUE

MSC will apply a Bunker Contribution from the Adriatic and West Mediterranean countries to Mozambique

Mediterranean Shipping Company will apply as from July 2013, a Bunker Contribution on all cargo moving southbound from the Adriatic and West Mediterranean countries to South Africa and Mozambique.

The Bunker Contribution will start with the vessel MSC Lucy NZ 326A (or a substitute vessel) which is due to leave the port of Antwerp on the 1st July.

The Bunker Contribution will amount to US \$ 570 per TEU of dry cargo and US \$ 760 per TEU of reefer container.

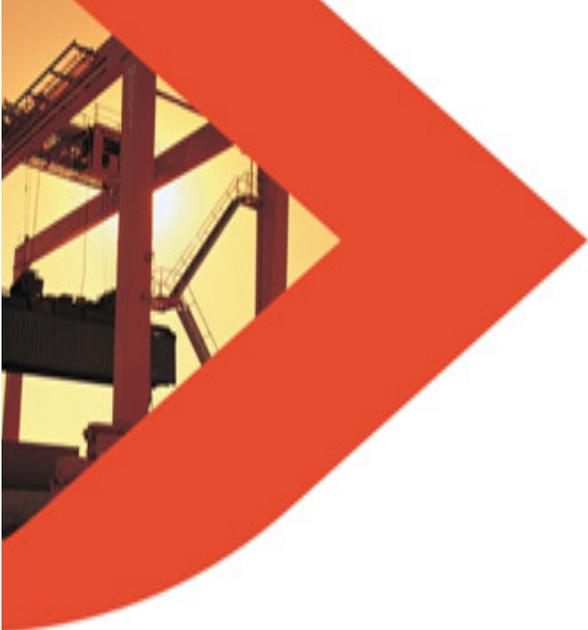
Mediterranean Shipping Company has introduced an OWS on cargo from Asia to Mozambique

Mediterranean Shipping Company has introduced an Over-Weight Surcharge (OWS) on cargo transported by the Cheetah Service from any Asian port to South Africa, Mozambique as well as other East African ports.

A fee of US \$ 150 is applied on every 20 feet container exceeding a payload of 18 tons.

Two new ship-to-shore cranes at the Port of Beira

Two new ship-to-shore cranes are in operation at the Port of Beira. They have an outreach of 40 m and a lifting capacity of 65 tons.



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REUNION ISLAND

The General Council has allocated a budget of 8.4 million euros to agriculture and the conservation of forests

The General Council of Reunion Island has granted a budget of nearly 3.5 million euros to the Chamber of Agriculture for the year 2013 so that this organisation can pursue its strategic moves, amongst others, to consolidate the sugar cane sector, professionalise farming and support agricultural crops that are respectful of the environment.

In addition, a fund of 4.9 million euros has been given to preserve forests in the context of an agreement for the period 2014-2020 with the National Forestry Office.

Drop in the price of fuels

For the month of June, the price of a litre of unleaded petrol has decreased by 1 cent compared to the previous month to 1.59 euro and that of a litre of diesel also by a cent to 1.22 euro.

Direct flight to Chennai by Air Austral

Air Austral is putting forward its direct flight linking Reunion island as from Roland Garros airport and the town of Chennai (formerly Madras), by pointing out that there is no longer the need for cargo to transit through the island of Mauritius.

OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

Guidelines from the European Commission to prevent price abuse at European ports

The European Commission has come forward with proposals for new guidelines and changes in law to “prevent possible price abuses by operators with exclusive rights” at ports in Europe.

About 74% of goods move in or out of Europe by the maritime mode of transportation but around 20% of the traffic go through only three ports: Rotterdam, Hamburg and Antwerp.

The European Commission notes that the imbalance between port performance results in congestion and extra costs for shippers, transport operators and consumers. The proposals cover the freedom of ports to apply infrastructure charges and reinforce transparency in the way that charges are established and in the use of public funds.

MSC announces GRI on Far East to West Africa trade

Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) has announced a General Rate Increase (GRI) on all cargo from the Far East to West Africa (incl. Angola), as from 1st July. The GRI will be of US \$ 250 per 20 feet container and US \$ 500 per 40 feet container.

The UK Competition Commission has interdicted Eurotunnel

The UK Competition Commission has in a judgment interdicted Eurotunnel from engaging in cross-Channel ferry activities.