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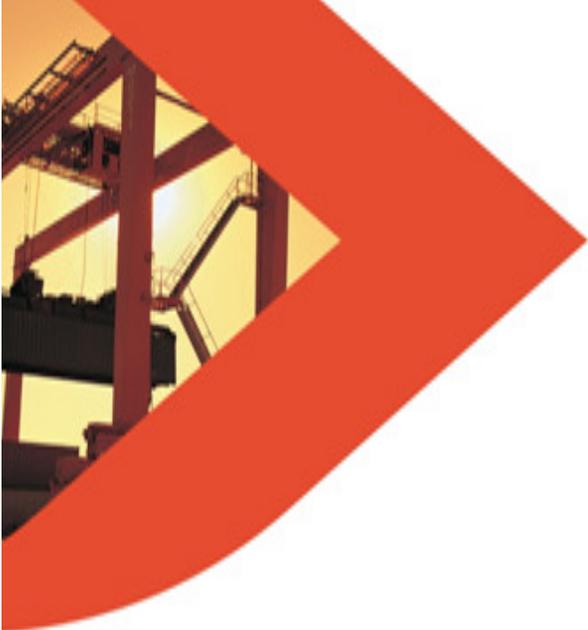
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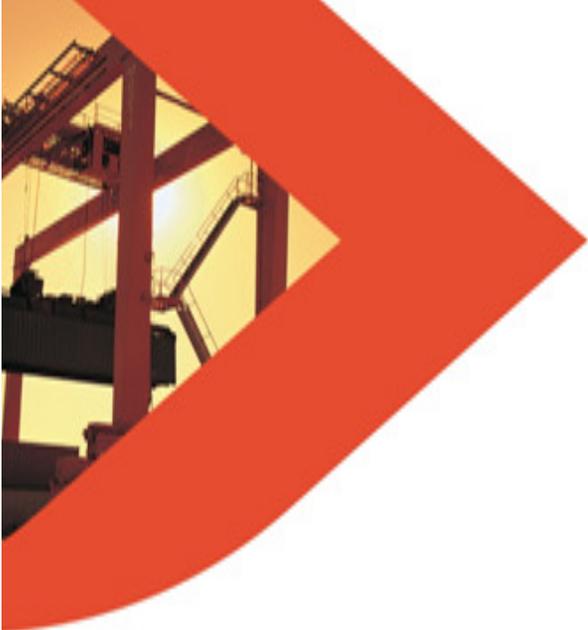
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#### **Air France new strategic business plan**

Air France finalised at the end of June its strategic business plan to restore its competitiveness and ensure rapid return to financial breakeven.

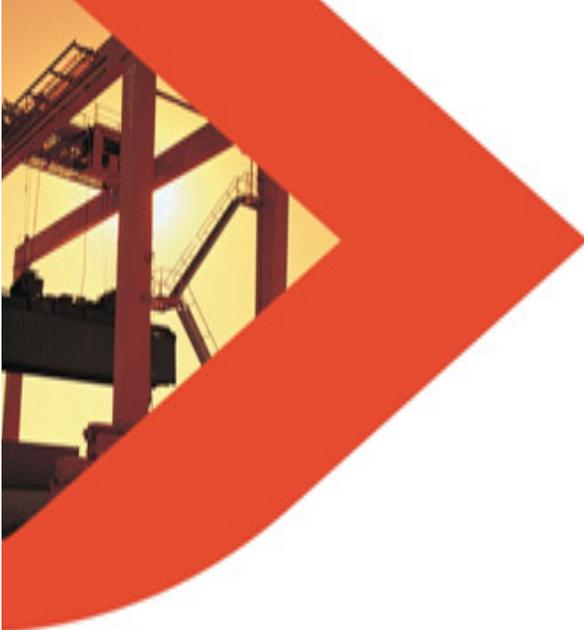
The cargo division will accelerate its transformation to reduce costs and improve its economic performance. The number of cargo planes has already been reduced to four and the full integration of Air France cargo division with KLM Cargo and Martinair will be achieved in the near future.

#### **CMA CGM will maintain its Brazex service**

The cooperation between the French shipping company CMA CGM with Maersk Line on the Brazil Express service (Brazex) which covers the East coast of South America with the Caribbean, will end in October 2012. CMA CGM has expressed its commitment to maintain the service afterwards as it has contributed to that Trade since more than 10 years.

#### **A new hub at the Port of Marseille in the near future**

The Marseille Port Authority has chosen a consortium headed by Progenor, a firm specialised in the development of transport infrastructure, to build and operate a combined ro-ro rail transport hub. € 60 million will be invested in the project.



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## INDIA

### **Major developments in the Sirhind and Fatehgarh Sahi regions**

The chief minister of the state of Punjab, Parkash Singh Badal has approved projects exceeding Rs 430 million for the Sirhind and Fatehgarh Sahi regions.

The main projects concern a Rs 300 million investment for filtering drinking water and laying sewerage pipes and Rs 130 million for infrastructural development in the supply of electricity so as to ensure uninterrupted power supply.

### **APM Terminals will expand and modernize the port of Pipavav**

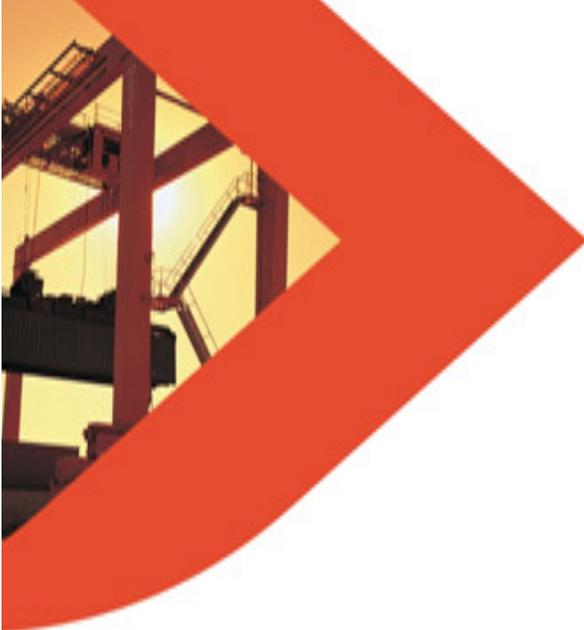
APM Terminals intends to extend the berth length by 2 450 metres so that the port of Pipavav can handle 26 million tonnes of bulk cargo and 4 million TEU containers per year.

The project is estimated to cost Rs 40 billion.

Currently, the port has a container storage yard covering an area of 11 hectares and a coal storage area of 17 hectares.

### **Ikea wishes to open 25 stores**

Ikea, the Swedish home-furniture manufacturer, intends to invest 1.5 billion euros in India by opening 25 stores.



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## MADAGASCAR

### **A second Airbus A340-300 plane for Air Madagascar**

A second Airbus A340-300 plane has been delivered at the end of June to Air Madagascar. The aircraft will reinforce the service by the Malagasy national air carrier of Asian destinations.

According to Air France, the owner of the plane, the cockpit and the seats have been completely revamped.

### **Exchange of documents on line for customs clearing**

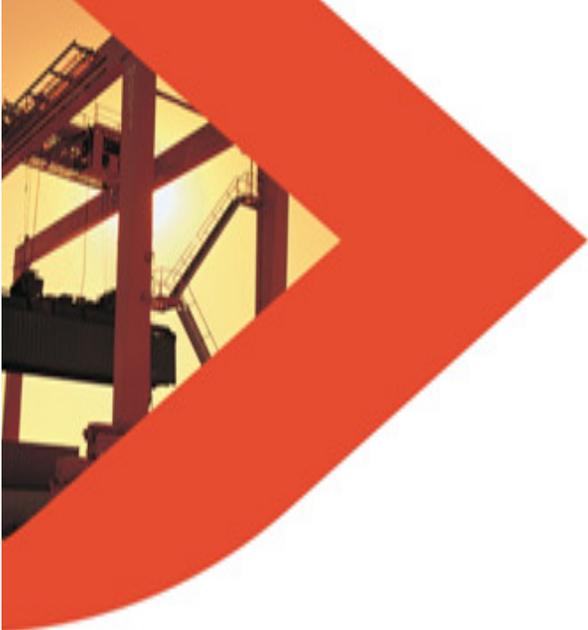
The required certificates and approvals to import and export goods could be obtained on line with the Ministry, department and control agency (Midac) project. The bodies which deliver these documents will be linked by electronic network to the customs administration.

The National Institute of Nuclear Science and Technics has been the first organisation to enter a partnership agreement with the Head of Customs and company Gasynet.

Pascal Besançon, director of company Gasynet, stated to the press that the electronic documents will substantially reduce procedural time with the objectives to also reduce fraud and tampering of documents.

### **To give a boost to the vanilla industry**

The Malagasy Prime Minister, Mr Berizikyla has recommended the setting up of a national platform to coordinate moves in order to give a boost to the vanilla industry.



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## MAURITIUS

### **Diversification of Mauritius manufacturing sector**

The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection is taking measures to give a new impetus to the Manufacturing Sector which accounts for 18% of the country's Gross Domestic Product and 77% of domestic exports.

The base of activities will be diversified by targeting the Medical Devices, Pharmaceutical and Jewellery sectors. Foreign firms will be encouraged to delocalize to Mauritius and local firms supported to export.

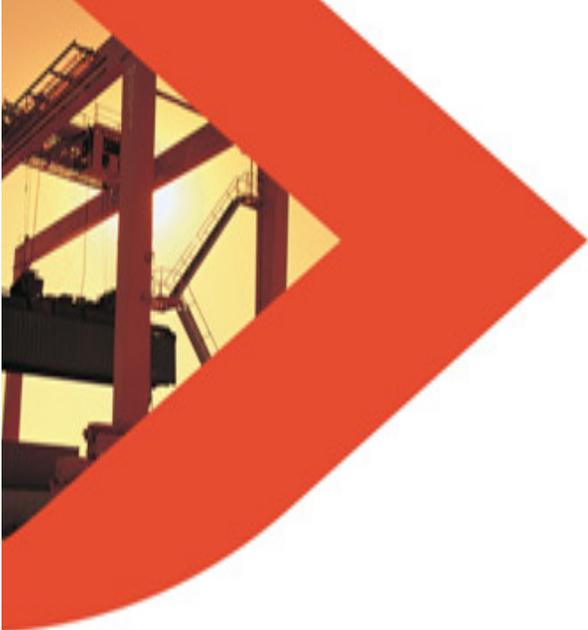
### **Mauritius wishes to establish a Preferential Trade Agreement with Tunisia**

Negotiations will be held between the Government of Mauritius and that of the Republic of Tunisia to conclude in the first stage, a Preferential Trade Agreement and afterwards, a Free Trade Agreement.

Mauritian business operators feel that there is a high potential for exporting products to Tunisia. Currently, canned Tuna, denim cotton fabric, fertilizers, machinery parts and woven fabrics are exported to Tunisia.

### **Rs 82 billion to be invested in infrastructural developments**

The Government of Mauritius will invest Rs 82 billion during the next three years in the setting up of a 100 MW coal power station, a light rail transit system between Curepipe and Port Louis, the development of the port into the transshipment hub and the Phase II of the Road Decongestion Programme.



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## MOZAMBIQUE

### **A US \$1.7 billion pipeline between Zimbabwe and Mozambique**

South African coal miner LontohCoal intends to extract coal from Lubimbi in Zimbabwe and to move the coal through a 1 300 km (810 miles) pipeline to a port in neighbouring Mozambique. The port of Inhambane has been identified as the ideal solution but it will need to be dredged to accommodate large vessels. Investments amounting to US \$1.7 billion will be required to set up the pipeline.

The mining might begin within the 3 next years. At full capacity, it is expected to produce about 46 million tonnes of coal per year of which 20 million tonnes will be exported and the rest supplying the domestic market of Zimbabwe.

### **Construction of 4 colleges and 2 technical schools**

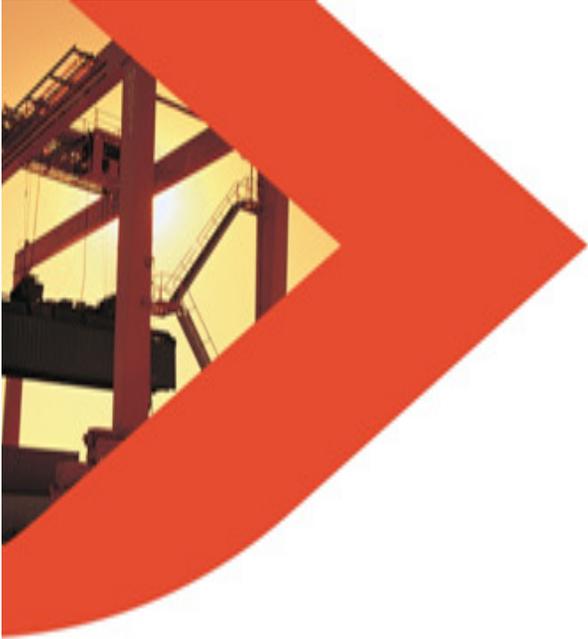
Saudi Arabia will fund the construction of 4 colleges and of 2 technical schools in the provinces of Niassa and Cabo Delgado for an amount of 12 million US dollars.

For the Ministry of Education of Mozambique, such developments will enable more children to have access to education.

### **Vale intends to invest US\$ 6 billion in its Moatize coal mines**

The Brazilian mining company Vale has sold its ferromanganese plants in Europe to raise funds for its investments in iron ore, coal and nickel.

Vale intends to invest US\$ 6 billion in its Moatize coal mines in Mozambique so as to double the output to 22 million tonnes per year.



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## REUNION ISLAND

### **Rise in the price of diesel oil and stable price for petrol**

The prices of fuels was freezed up to Saturday 30th June 2012 and since the 1<sup>st</sup> July, the price of a litre of diesel has gone up by 0.02 euro to move to 1.23 euro instead of 1.21 euro.

On the other hand, the price of a litre of unleaded petrol has been maintained at 1.58 euro.

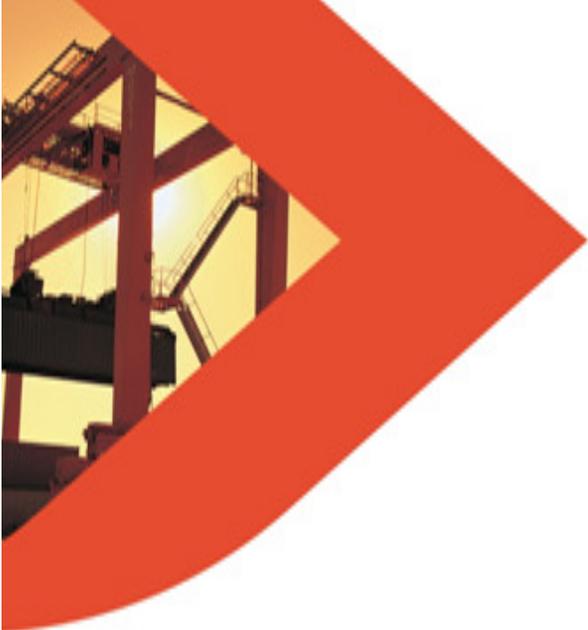
In the past, subsidies were granted by the Regional Council of Reunion Island, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the petroleum companies.

### **Reunion Island aims at increasing its exports of rum**

Reunion Island which has produced more than 108 000 hectolitres of rum and exported for more than 18 million euros in 2011, aims at increasing its exports this year.

### **XL Airways to fly between France and Reunion island by the end of this year**

XL Airways, formerly Star Airlines, will start by the end of this year, to establish the link between Marignane airport in Marseille and that of Gillot in Reunion island. An Airbus A 330 will be used on that route.



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## OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

### **General rate increases by Maersk Line since the 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> July, Maersk Line has increased its tariffs on the routes between Europe and North America. A general rate increase of \$ 360 has been applied per 20 feet container moving between Europe and the east coast of the United States, Canada or the Gulf of Mexico. Furthermore, an increase of \$ 400 per TEU has been introduced on the trade between Europe and the west coast of North America.

The Europe-South American east coast route has attracted a rise of \$ 225 per TEU and of around \$ 200 on the trade between Europe and the Indian Subcontinent. AP Møller-Maersk's Chief Executive, Nils Anderson, stated in the company's magazine that "although we are not yet at satisfactory rate levels in the container market, our rates are now increasing, we will uphold our pressure for better rates for the rest of the year."

### **No rise in fuel duty in the United Kingdom**

The Freight Transport Association (FTA) of the United Kingdom has expressed its satisfaction that the government has frozen for the rest of the year its decision to increase duty by three pence per litre of fuel. Initially, it intended to implement the duty rise in August.

### **Tariffs on the rise for sea freight between Europe and Asia**

As the carriers are tightening capacity, the tariffs for transporting 40 feet containers from Rotterdam to Shanghai at the beginning of July, have increased by almost 40% compared to the same period last year, from US \$ 464 to \$ 1 004.