HAROPA ENDED 2020 WITH AN OVERALL MARITIME RIVER TRAFFIC OF 108 M TONNES

OVER THE CRISIS YEAR BY HIGH RESILIENCE

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USPA NEWS - In an extremely difficult global economic context, HAROPA (PORT OF LE HAVRE, NORMANDIE, FRANCE) ended 2020 with overall maritime and river traffic of 108 million tonnes, a figure down by 6% on 2019, testifying to high resilience and a definite recovery in the second half. At 75 million tonnes, maritime traffic fell back by 16.7%, impacted by the combined effects of the global health crisis and the shutdown of Total's Gonfreville L'Orcher refinery. Containerized goods flows, a barometer for the economy generally, suffered and declined by 14% to 2.4m TEU, but entered an upturn in the summer. In the final quarter they returned to the same level as in 2018, itself a benchmark year

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Dry bulk progressed, boosted in particular by grain exports (5.8%) and imports of aggregates (34.2%). Liquid bulk registered a fall of 20.9%, marked by a cut in crude oil imports due to lower consumption during the lockdown and the shutdown of the Total refinery in Gonfreville-l'Orcher for technical reasons. Ro-ro activity, which fell back by 15.5%, returned to its pre-crisis level in the second half of the year. River activity evidenced a degree of resilience, declining by 3.8% to 33Mt. The major Paris construction projects stimulated activity in the construction industry (+12% at end November), thus confirming the key role of river transport in Grand Paris construction and preparations for the 2024 Olympics.

"In 2020, maritime traffic through HAROPA - Port of Rouen stood at 22.3Mt, representing a marginal fall of 4.7%. Nevertheless, the year just ended set a record of 8.8Mt tonnes for grain exports. Over the 2019-2020 campaign as a whole Port of Rouen exported almost 10Mt of cereals, a historic level of performance. The Port of Rouen was benefited by the deepening of the navigation channel, with its repositioning on the international grain market and new destinations such as China"[?], declared Pascal Gabet, CEO, HAROPA

- Port of Rouen.

INVESTMENT OF €462M------

In 2020, the Seine Axis ports continued to prepare for the future, devoting €162m mainly to large development projects. Private investment totalled € M300, with the construction of the Siemens Gamesa wind turbine plant in Le Havre among the year's major projects.

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In the view of Baptiste Maurand, CEO, HAROPA - Port of Le Havre, "2020 has a been a very mixed year for Le Havre, one that saw a definite rebound starting in the summer, which is now being confirmed at the beginning of 2021. In spite of the context of the global crisis, we have succeeded in strengthening the confidence felt by our customers. 2020 was also a year of far-reaching projects, among them the extension of Port 2000, the launch of construction of the Siemens Gamesa plant and the gravity-based foundations conducted by EOHF (Éoliennes Offshore des Hautes Falaises) for the Fécamp offshore windfarm. In 2021, our ports will be a gateway to the energy transition! "[?] Source: HAROPA Le Havre Port ABOUT HAROPA

HAROPA, the 5th largest port complex in Northern Europe, is a joint venture between the ports of Le Havre, Rouen and Paris. Connected to every continent owing to a first-rate international shipping offer (linking around 700 ports worldwide). It serves a vast hinterland the center of which is in the Seine valley and the Paris region forming the biggest French consumer market area. With around 10 Normandy and Paris area partner ports, HAROPA now forms in France a global transport and logistics system, capable of providing a comprehensive end-to-end service. HAROPA handles over 120 million tons of cargo by sea and waterway each year. HAROPA business represents 160,000 jobs. See more at www.haropaports.com

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