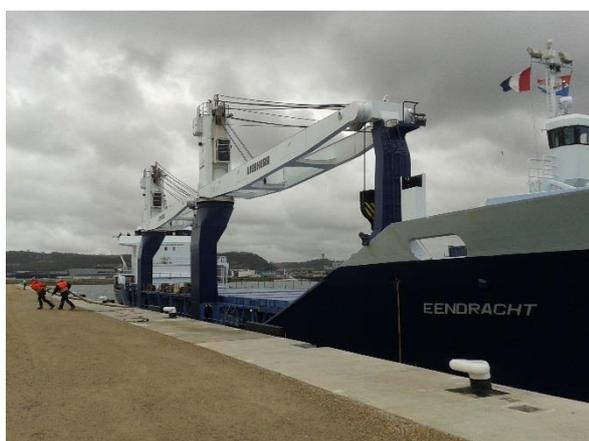




PRESS RELEASE

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Port of Cherbourg: 1st handling of industrial cargo at the new heavy loading dock "Quai des Flamands"



After 2 years of construction works, the extension of the "Quai des Flamands" was finally completed this March. The port of Cherbourg now boasts a 680m linear wharf, accessible to vessels up to 14m draught.

This extension was accomplished within the framework of the renewable marine energies project and is also designed to handle heavy and industrial cargo.

We didn't have to wait long before our first ship inaugurated the **largest wharf in France, with a bearing capacity of 15t/m²**. The Eendracht from Savona (Italy)

berthed at the wharf and used its deck cranes to unload two heating units, each weighing 150 tonnes, which will be used in units 1 and 2 of the power station in Flamanville.

For this operation Cherbourg Maritime took charge of consigning the ship, whilst Cherbourg Manutention was responsible for the transshipment of the cargo onto two multi-axled trailers.

Operators were impressed with the quality of the wharf and particularly with how easy it was to manoeuvre the heavy vehicles, given the generous dimensions of the new platform. More ships are expected to put in at the wharf very soon.



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