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Environmental trophies (ESI) for 2013: HAROPA re-affirms its support to « green calls »

HAROPA – the grouping of the ports of Le Havre, Rouen and Paris – repeats its support to the shipping companies which contribute to its environmental approach initiated in 2012. The winners were awarded their prize in the course of the 2nd Environmental Trophies (ESI ^(*)) on March 5th, in Le Havre.

In 29 ports in the world - including HAROPA -, the Environmental Ship Index (ESI) is the benchmark which assesses the environmental performance of ships. Its aim is: contributing to the reduction of the emission of air pollutants.

From 2013, HAROPA, taking this index as the basis for the assessment, has chosen to reward the shipping companies whose ships emit fewer pollutants and less CO₂ and who make the effort to go beyond what is required by current standards and regulations. This « environmental reward » awarded by HAROPA can reach up to the equivalent of 10% of the port dues paid by shipowners.

The official ceremony of award of the 2nd Environmental Trophies (ESI) took place at the Port Center in Le Havre, on March 5th, 2014.

The trophies were presented by Hervé Martel, HAROPA President, in partnership with the 'Syndicat National des Agents Maritimes' (SNAM – French Association of Shipping Agents) and the 'Groupement Havrais des Armateurs et Agents Maritimes'(GHAAM – Le Havre Grouping of Shipowners and shipping agents) in the presence of port and maritime stakeholders, local representatives and authorities. The winners are: MSC, Hamburg Sud, Hanjin Shipping, Maersk, CMA-CGM, Hapag Lloyd, Hyundai, Evergreen, UASAC and NYK.

(*) The project of working out a joint « Environmental Ship Index » (ESI) was initiated in early 2009 by the ports of Amsterdam, Antwerp, Bremen, Hamburg, Le Havre and Rotterdam. From January 1st 2013, this initiative has been extended to the ports of Paris and Rouen. <http://environmentalshipindex.org>

For 2014, the ports of Le Havre, Rouen and Paris propose a joint charter to shipping companies, thus strengthening the environmental commitment of HAROPA and reaffirming the will they have to set up « green calls » in the core of a sustainable logistics chain.

It's worth mentioning again that, by fostering sea and river combined transport, HAROPA is anxious to help to respect the commitment made during the Environmental Grenelle forum and improve the quality of its environment while reducing the impact of its business. River transport indeed generates four times less CO₂ than road haulage: 5,000 tonnes carried by river equal 250 trucks less on the roads.



From left to right: Bernard Mazuel (GHAAM President), Hervé Martel (HAROPA President), Stephen Snidjers (SNAM President) opening the ceremony

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 (with connections to more than 550 ports worldwide), the "one-stop" hub forms 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.

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