



Arrival of “DOLOMIEU” 4th -40°C freezer tuna purse seiner

Reunion Island, le 6 April 2012, 8.30 am (Paris time)

SAPMER is one of the main French fishing companies. Based in Reunion Island it has two main activities:

- A fishing activity with Toothfish and Rock lobster fishing in the Economic Zone of the French Southern and Antarctic Territories and Tuna fishing (Yellowfin and Skipjack) in the Indian Ocean.
- A Processing and value enhancing of the halieutic products activity.

Naming of “DOLOMIEU” in Vietnam 22 March 2012

With the arrival of “DOLOMIEU”, the fleet operated by SAPMER for tuna fishing in the Indian Ocean is now comprised of four freezer tuna purse seiners offering a high quality production, thanks to an innovative design which allows -40°C deep freeze for a “Sashimi” quality tuna.

“DOLOMIEU”, named after one of the two craters at the summit of Piton de la Fournaise (active volcano of Reunion Island) on Reunion Island, was built in Vietnam by the SEAS shipyards, PIRIOU's Vietnamese subsidiary. Named on 22 March 2012 at Ho Chi Minh City, this new ship joined its three sister-ships “FRANCHE TERRE” (delivered in July 2009), “MANAPANY” (June 2010) and “BERNICA” (December 2010).

“DOLOMIEU”, left on 05 April 2012. It is expected to arrive in Reunion Island on 24 April 2012. Its arrival will be the opportunity to organize an event that will take place on 27 April at Le Port, Reunion Island.

Built for Yellowfin and Skipjack tuna fishing in the Indian Ocean, “DOLOMIEU”, is handled by a crew of 33 sailors. It is registered in Reunion Island and sails under French flag. After completing its crew, “DOLOMIEU” will start its first fishing campaign for an expected first unload in June 2012.

Identical in construction to the first three freezer tuna purse seiners, “DOLOMIEU” has a total storage capacity of 1 000 tons in the holds, including 700 tons at -40°C.

Beginning of September 2012, arrival of the 5th Tuna purse seiner

SEAS 44 (Shipyards' name for the fifth tuna ship) is currently under construction in Vietnam under the supervision of STS (Sapmer Technical Services). Beginning of September 2012, it will complete SAPMER's tuna fleet.

To accompany the rise of its tuna fleet, and to optimize the value enhancing of the resource, SAPMER increased in 2011 its -40°C storage capacity in Mauritius at 3 600 tons. The Processing and Value Enhancing unit Mer des Mascareignes now has a production capacity of 9 000 tons/year

Building a second unit in Mauritius has also been decided. Covering a surface area of 2 000 sq, it will allow an increase in Value enhancing capacities and produce new products.

On the verge of 2013, with a fleet of five ships sailing in the Indian Ocean in full year, SAPMER set itself tuna catch objectives of 30 000 tons per year of which, 50% are to be value enhanced.



Next meeting:

Annual General meeting 2011: on 26 April 2012 at 05:45pm, at Le Port, Reunion Island.

Next press release:

1st half 2012 revenues, on 30 July 2012

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● **A propos de SAPMER – www.sapmer.com**

SAPMER is the deep-sea fishing operator in the waters of the French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF) based on the island of Reunion. Having been created in 1947, SAPMER now operates a wholly-owned fleet of four freezer-longliners for Patagonian Toothfish and a Freezer Lobster Trawler for Rock Lobster. And three tuna purse seiners (deep freeze on board at -40°C) for its tuna fishing activity (Yellowfin and Skipjack) in the Indian Ocean.

The company now has two complementary activities:

- Toothfish and Rock Lobster fishing in the Southern Seas (Economic Zones of the French Southern and Antarctic Territories - TAAF) and tuna fishing (Yellowfin and Skipjack) in the Indian Ocean.
- Value-enhancing and processing of halieutic products activity.

In April 2010, SAPMER gained 'responsible fishing' recognition from BUREAU VERITAS for its tuna activity. This recognition follows strict specifications, proof of this activity's continuity, and SAPMER's exemplary participation to the marine resources' sustainable and responsible management.

In August 2011 SAPMER joins the "Dolphin Safe" program initiated by Earth Island Institute (EII) and commits itself to practical actions to protect marine mammals, marine birds, sea tortoises and other non-targeted species.

In December 2011, SAPMER also started a "Friends of the sea" certification for its tuna fishing activity (certification expected in July 2012)

SAPMER's 2011 revenues came to 77M€, with a 60% increase (80% of it comes from exportations outside of Europe, mainly Asia).

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