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SAPMER Group reinforces its logistical and industrial tools in order to follow the active growth of its tuna activity.

SAPMER is a deep-sea fishing operator in the waters of the French Southern and Antarctic Territories (TAAF) based on the Island of Reunion. Since 2009, it has been developing its tuna activity (Fishing and value enhancing of Skipjack and Yellowfin tuna).

In order to follow the active growth of its -40°C tuna purse seiners' catches, fished in the Indian Ocean, SAPMER Group is getting another cold room and value enhancing and processing unit at Port-Louis in Mauritius. These facilities should come into operation at the end of March 2013.

Already with a fleet of 5 tuna purse seiners (on board -40°C deep-freeze) for tuna fishing (Skipjack and Yellowfin), soon to be completed by new ships, SAPMER launched the construction of a new unit consisting of a -40°C cold room and a value enhancing and processing factory.

Based in Port Louis, in the continuation of the -40°C cold room of 1 800 tons of storage capacity, in operation since February 2011, this unit has a surface area of 5 023m² which includes:

- Administrative offices and a value enhancing area of 2 500 m² built over two floors allowing the yearly processing of 21 000 tons of whole tuna (Skipjack and Yellowfin).
The factory that will first produce Skipjack and Yellowfin loins will then accommodate a processing unit for the production of frozen vacuum packed ready to eat half-cooked tuna (Tataki), but also the setting up of waste recycling equipment.
On the verge of 2015, 220 people should be working on this site

This value enhancing and processing unit will be completing the production capacity of Mer des Mascareignes value enhancing and processing factory in Mauritius, in operation since 2008, which currently has a production capacity of 9 000 tons per year.

With these 2 units, SAPMER Group will be able to annually value enhance in Mauritius 30 000 tons of whole tuna.

- A -40°C cold room of a surface area of 2 000m². This highly modern and secure storage area, of a 2 500-ton capacity, intended for the tuna purse seiners' unloading, is done in partnership with the Mauritian Group MFD (Mauritius Freeport Development). It communicates with the first cold room, already in operation since 2011, bringing the -40°C storage capacity to 4 300 tons for this site.

In total the SAPMER Group will have in Mauritius, a -40°C storage capacity of 6 100 tons.

- Outer technical premises of 523m² holding the cold production equipment.

The storage and value enhancing and processing units will be perfect additions to the SAPMER Group's scheme, required for the unloading and value enhancing and processing of -40°C tuna purse seiners' catches.

Belouve, named last September 6th, is currently doing its first fishing campaign. It is expected to return to Mauritius next December 12th, for its first unloading.



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SAPMER is the historical 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 pot Lobster vessel for Rock Lobster. And five tuna purse seiners (on board -40°C deep freeze) for its tuna fishing activity (Yellowfin and Skipjack) in the Indian Ocean.

Positioned on strong valued 'niche' activities, SAPMER is dividing its activities into two categories:

- A fishing activity which includes Toothfish and Rock Lobster sales fished in the Southern Seas (Economic Zones of the French Southern and Antarctic Territories - TAAF) and whole tuna sales (Yellowfin and Skipjack) fished in the Indian Ocean.
- A value-enhancing and processing activity (sashimi loins, steaks,...) of halieutic products.

SAPMER recorded in 2011 revenues of 77 M€ increased by 60% (more than 90% of which was done doing exportations outside of Europe, mainly to Asia).

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SAPMER's commitment to sustainable and responsible fishing can be illustrated by the certifications it has received:

For Tuna fishing :

- SAPMER has had since April 2010 the recognition "responsible fishing" delivered by Bureau Veritas. It follows strict specifications to ensure the protection and continued existence of the resource.
- In August 2011, SAPMER joined the international program "Dolphin Safe" of the Earth Island Institute.
- In October 2012, SAPMER gained the Friend of the Sea (FOS) certification.

For southern seas fishing:

- SAPMER is a committed player alongside the TAAF administration (French Southern and Antarctic Territories) and the French National Natural Museum of Paris, in the handling of halieutic resource in the southern seas waters.
- In addition to a good management of the "toothfish" resource, the Group is currently engaged in a collective process for a MSC certification (Marine Stewardship Council) with the other French ship-owners.

