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## **Europorte wins contract to manage railway infrastructure at the *Port Autonome de Strasbourg***

The *Port Autonome de Strasbourg* has chosen Europorte<sup>i</sup>, the rail freight operating subsidiary of the Eurotunnel Group to manage railway operations and to maintain<sup>ii</sup> its railway infrastructure for a period of five years.

Strasbourg is a multimodal port situated on Europe's most important river, the Rhine, and is a crossroads for freight transport. It has a railway network extending to 110km in length.

Composed of a main site in Strasbourg itself, which has 320 companies spread over 1000 hectares, and several satellite sites (In particular at Lauterbourg, and Marckolsheim), along a 100km stretch of river bank, Strasbourg is the second largest inland port in France. The port is the major economic centre in the region and the largest industrial and logistics zone in Alsace. It is also the principal fret depot in Alsace, handling 1.8 million tons of goods each year (mainly cereals, consumer goods and petroleum products).

A recognized expert in infrastructure management, as demonstrated by the contracts already signed with the *Grand Port Maritime de Dunkerque*, the *Grand Port Maritime de Nantes Saint-Nazaire*, the *Grands Ports Maritimes du Havre et de Rouen*, *Paris* and *Bordeaux Atlantique*, Europorte improves port competitiveness – via the efficient management of essential railway infrastructure – and manages employment generating projects. A staff of 10 will manage the port at Strasbourg. The strong development potential and the proximity to the German frontier provide promising expansion opportunities for Europorte and the Port of Strasbourg.

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<sup>i</sup> On the ground, Europorte subsidiary, Socorail, will operate and maintain the rail network at the *Port Autonome de Strasbourg*

<sup>ii</sup> Part of the catenary maintenance will be subcontracted to Vinci subsidiary, Eurovia.