

# Press release

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The Norbert Dentressangle Group and ADEME are renewing their partnership agreement "to control greenhouse gas emissions from the transport of goods and logistics activities"

Given the results achieved from the partnership agreement in effect since 2005, ADEME and the Norbert Dentressangle Group have signed a new three year agreement based on the pooling of their expertise.

The Norbert Dentressangle Group will continue its efforts to control greenhouse gas emissions and will allow ADEME to assess and increase the range of exemplary technological and organisational solutions. This will in turn help companies in the transport and logistics sector to more effectively manage the environmental impact of their business and meet the objectives set by the Grenelle de l'Environnement (national environment forum).

## A highly rewarding first agreement

The first partnership agreement initiated in 2005 enabled new technologies and organisational solutions to be tried out to identify tools and methods and circulate them throughout the profession:

- testing under real operating conditions of SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction) pollution control systems, low fuel consumption tyres and vehicle speed limiting technologies and comparison of consumption for the Euro 3 and Euro 4 standards,
- work on the CO<sub>2</sub> impact of the transport solutions available on the market
- evaluating the Bilan Carbone® (carbon balance) program of a logistics site in Lyon
- study of the prospects for combined rail/road transport possibilities
- focusing the Group's employees on the environmental impact of their activities

The results of these actions helped to create the voluntary CO<sub>2</sub> reduction initiative launched in 2007 by the ADEME and the French Ministry for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and National Planning aimed at sector professionals.

## A renewed partnership for a larger range of exemplary solutions

Thanks to this renewed partnership agreement, the Norbert Dentressangle Group will continue to enjoy appraisal and methodological support from ADEME so that it can reach its greenhouse gas emission control targets, particularly in its new business lines, i.e. pallet distribution and temperature-controlled logistics.

This new agreement will concentrate on:

- the Norbert Dentressangle Group's cooperation in ADEME's research, study and experimentation projects,
- pursuing initiatives in the transport field: improvement of CO<sub>2</sub> emission measurement, technical tests (vehicles and fuels), training and communication about lowering fuel consumption and transport organisation and optimisation,

Some results of the experiments in 2005-2008

Using low fuel consumption tyres = average fuel savings of 3% in all zones

Limiting the maximum speed of vehicles = average fuel savings of 5% by reducing speed from 90km/h to 80km/h

Using an automatic gearbox = average fuel savings of 3%

Using a rooftop wind deflector to reduce the vehicle's aerodynamic drag = average fuel savings of 3%

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- raising the awareness of clients and displaying the CO2 emissions generated by the Group's transport services,
- **in the logistics field:** initiating projects to optimise the energy efficiency of refrigerated warehouses,
- **communicating** and publicising the results achieved by the Norbert Dentressangle Group within the transport and logistics sector.

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**About ADEME:** the Agence de l'Environnement et de la Maîtrise de l'Energie (environmental and energy management agency) is a government agency jointly controlled by the French Ministry for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and National Planning and the Ministry for Higher Education and Research. It participates in the implementation of public policy in the environment, energy and sustainable development fields. The agency provides businesses, local and government authorities and the general public with appraisal and advisory services and helps them to fund projects in five areas (waste management, soil preservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy, air quality and the prevention of noise pollution) and to move forward in their sustainable development schemes. [www.ademe.fr](http://www.ademe.fr)

**About the Norbert Dentressangle Group:** the Norbert Dentressangle Group is the 4th largest European provider of transport and logistics services, generating revenue of €3 billion by developing high added value in its two core business lines. The Group is one of the first market players to consider sustainable development in the conducting of its business activities and for the last 5 years has been focusing on 4 areas for improvement: greenhouse gas reduction, road risk control, environmental site and building management and the instigation of company schemes aimed at integration and promotion.

Following the acquisition of Christian Salvesen at end-2007, Norbert Dentressangle now operates in 14 countries, with 30,000 employees on 370 sites, and generates 44% of its revenue outside France.

The Norbert Dentressangle Group, which is listed in the CACMid100 index, is headed by François Bertreau, Chairman of the Executive Board.

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