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SeaFrance has a new ship

SeaFrance, the only French ferry operator on the short cross-Channel route, has just purchased a recently-built, highly efficient vessel.

Thanks to this purchase, the company can offer clients a uniform, regularly-renewed fleet with a high carrying capacity, thereby meeting the wishes of its customer base and providing an even better service than before.

The new ship is scheduled to come into service in the middle of 2008 when it will replace the *SeaFrance Renoir* and *SeaFrance Manet*. It will have twice the capacity of the older vessels.

The entire company has worked towards making this investment possible. The achievements of 2007, the signature of new manning and equipment agreements and the total involvement of the crews all played a decisive role in this decision.

Eudes Riblier, Chairman of the Board, said, "This decision is proof of SeaFrance's dynamic approach and the hard work put in by staff at every level in the company to increase corporate development and provide better customer service. The purchase will also enable us to further improve the ecological aspects of our Channel crossings. We are proud of the place we give the French flag on the Calais/Dover route."

In 2006, SeaFrance, a subsidiary of the SNCF Group, carried 3,573,000 passengers, 650,000 cars, 22,000 coaches and 765,000 trucks. It achieved turnover of 226.5M€.

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