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### Q4 2020

# Strong upturn in business volumes and gross profit

| CONSOLIDATED (unaudited) | 2020    | 2019    | Change<br>at current<br>scope &<br>exch. rates | Change<br>like for like<br>(lfl)** | Q4 2020/<br>Q4 2019<br>(IfI) | Q3 2020/<br>Q3 2019<br>(IfI) | Q2 2020/<br>Q2 2019<br>(IfI) | Q1 2020/<br>Q1 2019<br>(IfI) |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Number of shipments      | 251,561 | 273,875 | -8.1%  | -12.1%                             | -3.5%                        | -9.2%                        | -26.4%                       | -9.7%                        |
| Sales (€m)*              | 392.0   | 331.3   | +18.3%   | +13.4%                             | +26.3%                       | +8.4%                        | +13.7%                       | +3.7%                        |
| Gross profit (€m)        | 76.2    | 76.7    | -0.7%  | -4.8%                              | -0.5%                        | -4.6%                        | -8.7%                        | -6.0%                        |

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Sales is not a relevant indicator for assessing activity in our business, because it is greatly impacted by changing sea and air freight rates, fuel surcharges, exchange rates (especially versus the \$), etc.

Changes in number of shipments, volumes shipped and—in terms of the Group's finances—gross profit are relevant indicators.

The sea freight market improved in Q4 (up 3-5%) as rates rose sharply due to a deep imbalance between total disruption in services and strong recovery in demand.

The air freight market also improved (down 8-10% in Q4) after reaching a low point in Q2 (down 25-30%), without regaining pre-COVID levels. Freight rates remained high.

In 2020, international trade is expected to decline 9-10% in volume, with sea freight down 4-5% and air freight down 14%.

Against this backdrop, the Group's sea freight business saw a sharp upswing in Q4 (TEU up 22.4%; number of shipments up 12.7%) primarily due to the overall recovery in volumes on the Asia-Europe route.

However, the strong increase in sea freight rates towards the end of the year (x3-x4) temporarily impacted unit margins (GP in Q4: up 2.6%).

The Group's air freight business continued an upward trend in Q4 (tonnage up 1.3%; number of shipments down 16.5% versus 24.8% in Q3 and -45.1% in Q2 (IfI) driven by the multi-clients charters organised by the Group to offset the decline in the standard airline offering. Gross profit rose 4.9% driven by robust unit margins.

The roll-on/roll-off business (RORO), which specialises in trade with North Africa and Turkey, continued to recover throughout Q4 (down 5.7% after Q3 down 17.2% and Q2 down 35.2%).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Constant consolidation scope: excluding Cargolution acquisition on 1 October 2019



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Amid a heavy economic recession, the Group managed to ensure an equivalent full-year gross profit compared to 2019 through:

- Expanding its range of services (regular multi-clients charters flights)
- Increasing market share thanks to the commitment of its sales and operations teams
- Robust growth in certain regions (Germany up 62%\*, South Korea up 59%\* and China up 11%\*)
- Successful integration of Cargolution (6% contribution to Group growth profit)

\* *IfI* 

The Group continues to work on development and acquisition projects.

### **BREAKDOWN BY BUSINESS LINE**

|                              | curr    | NUMBER OF SHIPMENTS current scope and exchange rates |           |                     |      | GROSS PROFIT (€m)<br>current scope and exchange rates |           |                     |  |
|------------------------------|---------|--|-----------|---------------------|------|---|-----------|---------------------|--|
|                              | 2020    | 2019   | 2020/2019 | Q4 2020/<br>Q4 2019 | 2020 | 2019  | 2020/2019 | Q4 2020/<br>Q4 2019 |  |
| Sea freight                  | 119,392 | 115,858  | +3.1%     | +12.7%              | 34.7 | 33.5  | +3.5%     | +2.6%               |  |
| Air freight                  | 67,376  | 85,607   | -21.3%    | -16.5%              | 27.0 | 25.4  | +6.2%     | +4.9%               |  |
| RORO*                        | 38,483  | 46,374   | -17.0%    | -5.7%               | 6.9  | 8.5   | -19.4%    | -13.2%              |  |
| Other                        | 26,310  | 26,036   | +1.1%     | -21.6%              | 5.4  | 7.1   | -22.8%    | -32.7%              |  |
| TOTAL FORWARDING & LOGISTICS | 251,561 | 273,875  | -8.1%     | -3.5%               | 74.0 | 74.5  | -0.7%     | -2.3%               |  |
| LOG System                   |         |  |           |                     | 2.9  | 3.2   | -10.1%    | -20.7%              |  |
| Consolidation entries        |         |  |           |                     | -0.7 | -1.0  | N/A       | N/A                 |  |
| TOTAL<br>CONSOLIDATED        |         |  |           |                     | 76.2 | 76.7  | -0.7%     | -2.4%               |  |

Roll-on/roll-off

|             |   | VOLUMES       |               |           |                     |  |  |  |
|-------------|---|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|--|--|--|
|             |   | 2020          | 2019          | 2020/2019 | Q4 2020/<br>Q4 2019 |  |  |  |
| Sea freight |   | 233,554 TEUs* | 217,530 TEUs* | +8.3%     | +22.4%              |  |  |  |
| Air freight | + | 58,113 T**    | 62,865 T**    | -7.6%     | +1.3%               |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Twenty-foot equivalent units

### **2021 OUTLOOK**

#### Market

International trade estimates (by volume): up 8%

Sea freight market estimates (by volume): up 5% Air freight market estimates (by volume): up 7%

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Outperform market growth

<sup>\*\*</sup> Tons



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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS (publication after market closure)**

Wednesday 24 March 2021: Thursday 29 April 2021: Wednesday 1 September 2021: Wednesday 22 September 2021:

Thursday 28 October 2021:

2020 annual results Q1 2021 business report

Q2 2021 business report H1 2021 results

Q3 2021 business report

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