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The French Maritime Academy gives the name of Jacques Saadé to its new class of officer cadets and engineers

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- **Mobilized alongside the ENSM, CMA CGM transmits its expertise to the French officers and sailors of tomorrow**

The CMA CGM Group, a world leader in maritime transport and logistics, and the French Maritime Academy (ENSM) are pleased to announce that the new promotion of the School is named after Jacques Saadé, Founder of the CMA CGM Group.

The solemn start of the school year took place today in Marseille, and the promotion was received at the Jacques Saadé Tower, the Group's worldwide headquarters, during a ceremony attended by Elisabeth Borne, Minister of Ecological and Solidarity Transition, Jean-Baptiste Djebbari, Secretary of State for Transport, Rodolphe Saadé, President and CEO of the CMA CGM Group, and Frédéric Moncany de Saint-Aignan, Chairman of the ENSM's Board of Directors. Many political and economic personalities were also present alongside the 150 students of the Jacques Saadé Promotion.

An exceptional tribute to Jacques Saadé, a visionary entrepreneur and passionate about the sea

By giving the name of Jacques Saadé to this new promotion, the ENSM has made the unprecedented and highly symbolic choice of giving a promotion the name of a major shipowner. The School thus pays an exceptional tribute to this visionary entrepreneur.

Driven by a passion for the sea, Jacques Saadé founded the Compagnie Maritime d'Affrètement (CMA) on 13 September 1978 with the firm conviction that international trade was developing and that the container would play a leading role in world maritime transport. Jacques R. Saadé has thus made CMA CGM Group a world leader in maritime transport while maintaining its family dimension and strong human values, making a profound impact on the French and global maritime world.

CMA CGM alongside ENSM to transmit its expertise to the French officers and sailors of tomorrow

Nearly 500 French officers and sailors sail on CMA CGM Group vessels, which has made their recruitment and training a priority. Since the beginning of the year, 50 French officers trained at ENSM have joined the Group's ranks and more than 130 have been welcomed on CMA CGM vessels for training.

CMA CGM relies on the expertise of ENSM, which provides training on the specificities of liquefied natural gas (LNG) navigation. These training courses are essential to better prepare the French officers and sailors who will be called upon to serve on the CMA CGM Group's nine future 22,000 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent) container ships, all of which will fly the French flag.

Excellence in training at the French Maritime Academy

Admitted by competition and on the basis of qualifications, these students will spend 5.5 years studying at the ENSM campuses in Marseille and Le Havre, becoming merchant marine officers and maritime engineers. They will benefit from the versatile training, bridge and machine, internationally recognized for its excellence.

On this occasion, **Elisabeth Borne, Minister for Ecological and Solidarity Transition**, said: « *Celebrating the start of the ENSM school year here at CMA CGM is a strong symbol and I would like to greet the young people who are embarking on a maritime career. We owe you the best training and we want ENSM to be an international reference. I would also like to welcome two major commitments made by the CMA CGM group: the first when you began the transition of your fleet in 2017 with the order of nine LNG container ships. This is the way of the future. The second one, only a few days ago, when you gave up using the northern sea route.* »

Jean-Baptiste Djebbari, Secretary of State for Transport, said: « *I am determined to continue, together, the work begun to transform maritime transport. CMA CGM is a French pride. As one of the world leaders, the Group has a particular responsibility to contribute to cleaner maritime transport. CMA CGM fully assumes this responsibility and makes ambitious commitments. I would like to greet it.* »

Rodolphe Saadé, Chairman and CEO of the CMA CGM Group, said: « *By choosing LNG for its future container ships, the CMA CGM Group will provide France with the first commercial fleet engaged in the energy transition. These students of the "Jacques Saadé" class will tomorrow be the officers commanding these ships. They will be key players in an increasingly environmentally friendly transport system.* »

Frédéric Moncany de Saint-Aignan, Chairman of the French Maritime Academy Board of Directors, stated: « *The excellence of the multi-purpose training at ENSM justifies the international influence ambitions of the School, which, beyond merchant navy officers, awards degrees in maritime engineering. Faced with new ecological and digital challenges, the Ecole Nationale Supérieure Maritime is constantly adapting to meet the expectations of the sector's stakeholders.* »

About CMA CGM

CMA CGM Group, led by Rodolphe Saadé, is a world leader in maritime transport and logistics.

Its 511 ships serve more than 420 ports worldwide, on all 5 continents. In 2018, they carried nearly 21 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent) containers. CEVA, a global logistics player, transports more than 500,000 tonnes of air freight and 1.9 million tonnes of inland freight each year.

CMA CGM is constantly innovating to offer its customers new maritime, land and logistics solutions.

Present on all continents and in 160 countries through its network of 755 offices and 750 warehouses, the group employs 110,000 people worldwide and 2,400 in Marseille, where its headquarters are located.

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About ENSM

The French Maritime Academy trains merchant marine officers and maritime engineers, for French and international shipowners and all maritime stakeholders.

About 1100 students and 3000 trainees in continuing education benefit each year from its state-of-the-art teaching facilities. Under the supervision of the Minister for the Sea, the School is located in Le Havre, Saint-Malo, Nantes and Marseille.

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