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## **SNCF Geodis launches *Normandie Rail Services*, a new local rail operator serving the port of Le Havre.**

Normandie Rail Services, a new local rail operator serving internal terminals at the port of Le Havre, started up full activity on 1 October 2011. Following the transfer of Naviland Cargo flows to the new operator in August, Normandie Rail Services is now handling the port delivery activities of Fret SNCF.

Founded in August 2011, Normandie Rail Services was set up in August 2011 to manage port terminal services for rail companies at the port of Le Havre and Gravenchon. The company was created to respond to a need from the port authorities to develop rail mode and is notably part of the upcoming launch of a multimodal rail, sea and waterway platform at the site.

With the creation of Normandie Rail Services, Fret SNCF and Naviland Cargo, which already operated a large part of the rail services at the port of Le Havre, are pooling their expertise and teams to better meet the needs of the port and of transport and shipping companies. Normandie Rail Services will focus on port services, subcontracted by rail companies that coordinate the overall delivery of goods for their haulage and shipping customers and which will continue to handle all routes outside of the port perimeter.

Majority owned by SNCF Geodis, Normandie Rail Services has more than 100 employees, previously part of the teams at Fret SNCF and Naviland Cargo, who work under the collective labour agreement of the French rail sector. The company has four electric locomotives and five rail shunting vehicles and handles an estimated 20 trains a day.

In its master plan for a new environmental approach to goods transport, SNCF Geodis has committed to backing the emergence of local rail operators working as part of a complementary fit with the rail freight business of SNCF.

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