On Tuesday, June 6th, the Renault Maroc Group celebrated the export from Tanger Med Port of the millionth vehicle manufactured in its Moroccan plants of Tangier and Casablanca.

The ceremony took place on the vehicle terminal dedicated to Tanger Med Port, in the presence of Mr. Moulay Hafid Elalamy - Minister of Industry, Trade, Investment and Digital Economy, Mr. Abdelkader Amara Minister of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water, Mr. Fouad Brini - President of Tanger Med and Mr. Marc Nassif - Managing Director of Renault Maroc Group.

As of 2007, Renault Maroc Group started exporting vehicles manufactured at the Casablanca - Somaca plant, and thus began promoting “Automotive made in Morocco” to international markets.

The Group’s industrial structure in Morocco has undertaken a major turn with the construction of the Tangier plant. In 2012, the first vehicles manufactured in Tangier were exported from Tanger Med Port.

Reacting the millionth threshold of vehicles manufactured by Tangier and Casablanca plants, is an important step that reveals the fruitful partnership between the Renault Maroc Group and Tanger Med.

The integrated consistent system (port, industrial zones, connection infrastructures) set up by the Kingdom of Morocco is a key point that has determined the installation of the Renault plant in Tangier. This partnership has led to a joint celebration of this great performance today.

Morocco plays a key role in the Renault Group’s global industrial system. With the export of more than 95% of the Tangier plant’s production and more than 70% of the Casablanca plant’s production, initially intended for the local market supply, the vehicles “Made in Morocco” represent more than 10% of the vehicles sold by the Group worldwide.

Tanger Med is now a real logistics and industrial hub with nearly 800 Ha of zones dedicated to the automotive industry, a well-established supplier base, a logistics platform for exporting parts and infrastructure as well as vehicles which dedicated terminal will strengthen its capacity through the construction of new multi-storey car parks.
Ethiopian delegation visit led by the Ethiopian Minister of State

Mrs Maselech WEDAJO Minister of State, along with Mrs. Yeshi Tamarat Ambassador of Ethiopia to Morocco, visited Tanger Med port on the sidelines of the 2nd Morocco-Ethiopia Economic Forum held in Rabat on 10 May in the context of South to South cooperation and Morocco-Ethiopia synergies, and in relation to the textile, agri-food and industrial parks sectors. Tanger Med set up a partnership agreement with the EIC: Ethiopia Investment Commission.

Visit of the Nigerian Minister of Transport

On the sidelines of his official visit to Morocco, Mr Hadi Sirika, Minister of State for Transport of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, visited Tanger Med on 2nd June 2017 within the framework of the development and strengthening of the bilateral relations and Economic integration in West Africa.

Tanger Med set up an agreement of cooperation with the Nigerian port authority.

Visit of a Malian delegation

A Malian delegation chaired by the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Industry and the President of the Malian Chamber of Commerce visited Tanger Med as part of the cooperation projects on the industrial platforms’ development in Mali.

A detailed presentation of the development model by TMSA was made and it considering the model on the scale of the African continent of the industrial and free zones of TMSA.
New maritime connections at Tanger Med Port

Tanger Med Port is connected to nearly 174 ports and 74 countries on 5 continents. The new connections to Tanger Med through weekly are Bulgaria, Chile, Ecuador, Greece, Peru, Sri Lanka, Syria and Japan.

Mega Ships in Tanger Med

The Madrid Maersk ship has called at the APM terminal of Tanger Med port on 2nd June 2017. It has a nominal capacity of 20,568 TEU, which is 2000 more than the first generation. The stopover lasted 28 hours, during which a volume of 5 520 TEU was unloaded.

As a reminder, this ship inaugurates the second generation of Triple-E ships offering more capacity and less energy consumption than the previous series. The Madrid Maersk is the first of a series of 27 ships which will progressively join Maersk Line’s fleet this year.

The MOL Triumph container ship, considered to be the 2nd largest container ship in the world, stopped on May 8 at the Eurogate Terminal in Tanger Med Port as part of its inaugural trip from Asia.

With a capacity of 20,170 TEU, it is 400 metres long and 58.8 metres wide. The ship discharged during its stopover at Tanger Med a volume equivalent to 760 TEU.

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Arrival of two additional cranes to the first container terminal TC1

APM Terminals Tangier received on Friday May 19th, 2017, two Super Post Panamax cranes.

These cranes will handle the new generation of container ships and allow the terminal to increase its capacity and handle additional volumes.
New Car Carrier/TIR linking Tanger Med and Vigo

The owner SUARDIAZ started on 5th April 2017, the new shipping line connecting the Tanger Med port to Vigo on the basis of 2 shuttles per week.

Arrival of wind turbine components

During the months of April and May 2017, the bulk terminal and general cargo received the arrivals of the KHALLADI wind farm project developed by ACWA POWER, 120 blades, 30 nacelles and 30 towers were handled.

Tanger Med obtains a triple Quality-Safety and Environment certification


These three certifications recognise the commitment of Tanger Med port in its continuous improvement process in terms of quality of services, respect for the environment and preservation of health and safety at work. Tanger Med is the first African port certified to the latest versions of both ISO standards and the OHSAS standard.
Issue of the certificate of origin for goods exported from MEDHUB

Companies that operate in the Free Logistics Zone of Tanger Med through a logistics operator can now obtain, for their exports from MEDHUB, the certificate of origin issued by the Chamber of Commerce of Industry and Services of Tanger-Tetouan-Al Hoceima. This certificate is required by some African countries for customs clearance and technical inspection of imported goods.

New DECATHLON warehouse in MEDHUB

Settled since August 2015, DECATHLON has recently moved to its new 20,000 m² warehouse to MEDHUB. This logistics grouping and distribution hub supplies DECATHLON stores in Morocco and serves meadows of 20 countries in the export from Tanger Med port.

Strengthening of the port traction services

Since 15 May 2017, TMPA has directly assumed responsibility for the realization and invoicing of port traction operations within the port complex as well as the loading and unloading of ro-ro ships instead of the private companies authorized by TMPA which ensured Before that date.

This project, which has no impact on port crossing costs for port clients, is aimed at the renewal of the horizontal handling equipment of the Tanger Med passengers port, to ensure the traceability and safety of traction operations thanks to embedded technologies And to ensure high availability of equipment put into service.

This project required an investment of 6 million euros in a stock of equipment consisting of 20 terberg tractors (mafis) 2x4, 4 Terberg 4x4 tractors (mafs), 40 Renault tractor units, and 4 trays and 4 goosenecks, allowing the processing of all ro-ro freight without tonnage limit. This equipment is deployed according to a schedule established by the specifications.

These operations were contracted out to two private companies: the SDFM company and the Somalev-Riboni group after an open international tender process.

Internal traction increased from € 30 to € 22 with the new system in place, so the impact is positive.

Awareness for the benefit of transport and transit officers in Tanger port

On May 9th 2017, the Tanger Med port organised a meeting with the transport and transit officers about the new Freight export zone. The main objective of this meeting is to raise the community’s awareness in relation to the efforts made by the port to improve the handling conditions of FREIGHT units, discuss the handling procedure and create a direct exchange space to identify needs and expectations until the official start of this zone.
Meeting with the Moroccans of the world

As we approach the Marhaba 2017 campaign and as part of its marketing and communication activities, Tanger Med has organised various meetings with the Moroccan community residing in France, Netherlands and Belgium, from 12th to 15th May and 21st to 23rd May 2017.

The tour started through the first meeting on the sidelines of the exhibition SMAP IMMO in Paris, the port’s representatives took part in a meeting with Moroccan associations and civil society in France, in the presence of Mr. Abdelkrim BENATIQ, Minister delegated by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in charge of Moroccans residing abroad and Migration Affairs, and His Majesty’s Ambassador in France, Mr. Chakib BENMOUSSA, whose transit operation was on the agenda.

After Paris, a new meeting was set for the MREs (Moroccans residing abroad) living in Namur, Belgium, and Amsterdam, the Netherlands, from 21st to 23rd May 2017, in collaboration with the consular services of the Kingdom of Morocco.

The MRE community viewed a presentation of the Tanger Med port complex and the transit facilities as well as the arrangements made for the Marhaba 2017 campaign.

In parallel with the tour, the director of Tanger Med port, Mr Hassan ABKARI, gave interviews on community radio stations in France and Belgium: Radio Soleil, Orient and RUN to promote the tour and answer live questions from listeners about the crossing via Tanger Med port.

Participation of TMPA at MEDFEL fair in Perpignan

TMPA took part from 25th to 27th April 2017 in the EuroMed International Trade Fair for Fruit and Vegetables, organised in Perpignan, France. The participation of Tanger Med port took place through a Moroccan pavilion representing the Autonomous Inspection and Coordination of Exports Organisation (EACCE) alongside Moroccan fruits and vegetables export companies. The MedFEL is a trade fair dedicated to the fruit and vegetable sector of the Mediterranean countries: from planting to packaging (fruit and vegetable market operators, transport and refrigerated logistics suppliers, equipment suppliers as well as tree and vegetable growing products).

Participation of TMPA at the Munich Transport Logistic Fair

TMPA participated from May 9th to 12th, 2017 at the Transport Logistic fair in Munich (Germany), beside a Moroccan delegation of public and private operators to participate in the 16th Edition of this world logistics fair. Transport Logistic in Munich is one of the world’s largest logistics event. The participation consisted in organising a stand in a Moroccan pavilion alongside AMDL, Marsa Maroc, ANP and SNTL, as well as a conference under the theme «Moroccan Logistics Hub, unlocking your African potential».
Industries : TANGER MED ZONES

JTEKT confirms industrial investment in Tanger Med

The Japanese group confirms the settlement of its first industrial platform in Africa / Middle East region within Tanger Med over an area of 6.5 Ha.

This plant will allow direct supply to PSA, Renault and other manufacturers, in parallel to other export markets.

This project will be located in Tanger Automotive City, the starting of the construction works will be in 2018.

The first phase of the project includes an initial annual production capacity of 230’000 units with a corresponding investment of 15 MEUR.

This new project will strenghten the competitiveness of the automotive sector firmly established within Tanger Med, which currently counts with more than 90 suppliers in operation and 5000 MEUR of exports in 2016.

JTEKT is a leading global automotive supplier, and is considered the largest provider of steering systems.

The Japanese group now has 136 subsidiaries in 27 countries around the world, with 44,000 employees, with an overall turnover of 11 billion euros in 2016.

4th Edition of the automotive subcontracting trade fair

The fair covers various sectors, including tools, engineering, maintenance, logistics, consumables, packaging and protective equipment. The industrial supply’s sector is the most represented sector for this edition with 42 stands on a total of 280 stands, this is explained by the growing number of new establishments in the region.

This trade fair promotes exchanges between manufacturers and suppliers, rank 1 and rank 2 on the one hand, and their subcontractors on the other, and ensures the interaction between national and foreign contractors as well as the development of partnerships in order to achieve the business opportunities generated by the sector’s development dynamics.

As a reminder, the annual subcontracting needs of the automotive industry are estimated at more than 600 million euros for 2016 and will exceed 1 billion euros in 2020. Perfectly in line with the strategy of the Industrial Acceleration Plan 2014-2020, the development of the subcontracting sector around the different ecosystems is a guarantee for the anchoring of the automotive sector in Morocco.

Tanger Med Zones organised the 4th edition of the automotive subcontracting fair, which took place at Tanger Automotive City (TAC), the new heart of the automotive sector in Morocco, under the theme: «Anchoring the Automotive Industry by accelerating the development of subcontracting».

The exhibition site which was developed at the heart of Tangier’s Automobile Ecosystem, over a land base of more than 800 Ha dedicated and which gathers more than 90 equipment manufacturers realising over 50 billion dirhams in export turnover in 2016.
DAEDONG set up to Tanger Automotive City

The Korean group DAEDONG has decided to install its new cabling plant in Tangier Automotive City investing 100 million dirhams and creating 170 jobs.

Galvanoplast group set up in Tanger Automotive City

Established in 1959, the GALVANOPLAST group experienced continuous growth, supported until 1975 by nearby automobile production sites today the group became a dominant world player in surface finishing. Since 1975, GALVANOPLAST group subsidiaries built their activities based on coating technics, diversified in automotive, buildings, agricultural and transportation construction, electric and diverse industries. Jean & Chaumont was the first site to apply the zinc flake coating and by the 1980s became the European leader. In anticipation of changes to the market in 2011, the Jean & Chaumont, GALVANOPLAST and Zindel Companies merged under the GALVANOPLAST Group banner and are the first French anti-corrosion cluster.

With a total investment of 5 million euros and more than 80 new jobs opportunities, GALVANOPLAST Group will set up in TAC on a land of 20,000 m²

INDORE COMPOSITE set up to Tanger Automotive City

INDORE COMPOSITE, the leading manufacturer of fiber optic components in India for the Automotive and Electronics industry, moves to Tangier Automotive City with an investment of MAD 30 million and the creation of 100 jobs.

Participation in the first « Industry Meeting Day »

Tanger Med Zones, participated in the first annual trade meeting for the Moroccan industry «The Industry Meeting Day» under the theme: «The Moroccan industry’s issues and challenges». The event was organised by «Industrie du Maroc magazine» and was very successful, with the presence of Moulay Hafid Elalamy, Minister of Industry.

The day was facilitated by 20 guests. Discussions revolved around industrial ecosystems as a model for development, territorial development through industry, R & D and market-oriented innovation, as well as support for industrial players.

Tanger Med Zones takes part in the 52nd Edition of the Paris Air Show

Tanger Med Zones participated in the 52nd Edition of the International Exhibition of Aeronautics and Space held at the Parc des Expositions in Le Bourget (France), from 19th to 25th June, an annual event bringing together the aeronautics industry’s global players. This involvement along with several players in the Moroccan aeronautical ecosystem represents an opportunity to hold high-level business meetings with decision-makers from major companies in the aeronautics sector.
Tanger Med Zones - Valencia automotive cluster collaboration meeting

Tanger Med Zones and Valencia automotive cluster organized on Jun 28th in Valencia a collaboration meeting to produce an active and dynamic alliance between both regions, plus to pursue a common ground for Spanish and Moroccan companies to come together and generate business opportunities.

This meeting aims at developing an active alliance, understand the most outstanding aspect to set up companies, moreover to increase competitiveness, and generate new jobs and business opportunities were the primary objectives of this meeting.

Tanger Med Zones hosts the 2nd edition of the Employment Forum

Tanger Med Zones and the Association of Investors of the Free Zone for Export of Tangier (AIZFET) organised, in partnership with USAID, ANAPEC and OFPPT, the second edition of the Employment Forum and Vocational Training, on 18th and 19th May 2017 in the Tanger Free Zone in the presence of Mr. Mohamed Yatim, Minister of Employment and Social Affairs, under the theme «Soft Skills: Leverage for Youth Employability».

The forum was attended by 4,500 young graduates and several companies in the Tanger Free Zone, that were able to offer more than 400 job offers. These services are offered free of charge to participants to help them in becoming more proficient in their job search. The forum also raises employers and trainers’ awareness of human resources management tools.
Beni Ansar passageway

The MARCHICA Agency, entrusted to Tanger Med Engineering with the task of carrying out the technical studies of the project to build a new passageway in Beni Ansar.

The project consists of the roads and utility networks installation of a 5 ha platform, the technical studies of a Hopper on the RN15 and a lower passageway and the technical studies of the administrative buildings (2000 m²) and canvas roofs (6000 m²).

The new passageway to Beni Ansar towards Melilla aims to increase the fluidity alongside the other passageways and to improve the quality of communication and integration of the two sites.

Naval repair platform project

SOREMAR GROUP, the manager of yachting yards and harbour wintering areas, has started a new project consisting of two separate programmes and developments on two separate lots with a surface area of approximately 10,000 m² each:

- The naval repair platform and its equipment
- The wintering area and its equipment

SOREMAR has entrusted the technical studies and the works follow-up of this project to Tanger Med Engineering for one year.

Start of port activities at the Kribi

As part of the contract signed between Tanger Med Engineering (TME) and the Port Authority of Kribi, TME organised training sessions in April 2017 designed for Kribi port’s officers and pilots.

Tanger Med Engineering is in charge of the technical assistance for the start of the port activity at the industrial port complex of Kribi.
Social : TANGER MED FOUNDATION

Haemodialysis Centre - Ksar Sghir Municipality

The haemodialysis centre is the result of a partnership between the Tanger Med Foundation, the APDN, the NHRI, the provincial health delegation and the Federation of Support Associations for Patients with Renal Impairment.

The project started in May and required a budget of 5.5 million dirhams (construction and equipment). It will help meet the needs of the local population who had no choice but to travel to Tangier or Tetouan for treatment.

The centre now accommodates 60 patients on the basis of 3 sessions per week.

Tourist shelter in Zemmij - Melloussa municipality

In partnership with the APDN and the Ikhlasse association, the Foundation has undertaken the project of building a tourist shelter in the village of Zemmij, recognised for its cultural and spiritual heritage (Sidi Ahmed Benajiba mausoleum) and its natural resources which represent a real potential for the development of rural tourism.

The tourist shelter was inaugurated in May in the presence of the various partners and local associations. The 2nd stage of the project will consist in the development of a tourist circuit around the shelter as well as the construction of points of sale for local products.

Cheese dairy AIDADA - Jouamàa municipality

The Tanger Med Foundation has undertaken a project to build a cheese dairy in the municipality of Jouamàa.

The project is the result of a partnership between the Foundation, the INDH, the delegation of agriculture and the Rayane cooperative for a budget of 756,000 dhs.

The project aims to develop income-generating activities for the benefit of the local population, promote local products of the region and optimise the artisan production process in accordance with the hygiene standards in force.

Pedestrian path around Oued Rmel dam - Ksar Al Majaz municipality

In partnership with the APDN, the Loukkous Hydraulic Basin Agency, the Provincial Water and Forestry Directorate, and the Bourayhane association, the Foundation has set up the project to develop a footpath around the Oued R’mel dam’s reservoir, Bourayhane village, Ksar Al Majaz municipality.

The project aims to highlight the tourist potential of the region, develop a new tourism product (excursions) and include local people in the development process.

The Foundation organised in April a hike onsite with the presence of 180 people including representatives of hikers associations, doctors...

An exhibition of local products was held in order to introduce local cooperatives and their productions.