

## A NEW RIVER DYNAMIC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Consultations led by the EEIG Seine-Scheldt since 2009 have shown that the construction and public works sector isn't only going to be working on the project, but will be important users of the waterway, particularly to bring in construction materials and pre-fabricated products to the heart of European conurbations.

The Greater Paris underground project, like the Crossrail project and London Olympics in 2012, which used the Thames, relies heavily on the Seine basin network to reduce road transport costs to a minimum.

By locating their prefabrication plants (pipes, tunnel sections, masts, wind turbines, prefabricated parts of buildings and public works, etc) on the banks of the waterway, companies use the sand and aggregate stocks directly, reducing breaks of bulk for urban supply.

On the quays, they can contribute to pooling of costs (quay, handling, storage).





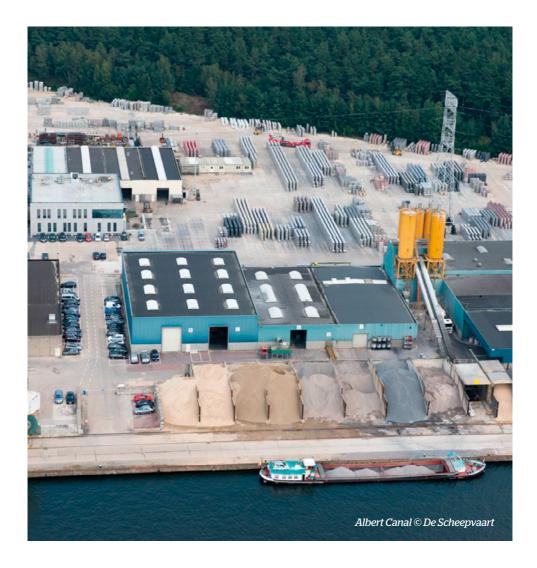
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Lafarge Holcim has been involved in the circular economy for many years and uses the waterways to transport materials and construction rubble that will then be re-used and processed into recycled materials in its quarries. Our recent participation in the development of the Multiregio project, preparing for future traffic on the Seine-Scheldt network, testifies to our desire to develop the waterway as the preferred mode of transport for the growth of these flows.

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Lafarge cement works on the banks of the Seine © VNF Alexandra Lebon





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