



Colas Takes Delivery of a New Bitumen Tanker to Enhance Its Bitumen Value Chain



As part of its strategy to fully control its supply chain, Colas recently strengthened its capacity by acquiring a new bitumen tanker via its Canadian subsidiary McAsphalt, which specializes in the modification and distribution of bitumen. Designed and sized to meet the specific requirements of the North American market, this tanker is a strategic investment that demonstrates the Group's commitment to consolidating its position as world leader in the bitumen market.

This new tanker joins Colas' existing fleet of 13 bitumen tankers, two of which were delivered last year to Continental Bitumen, the Group subsidiary managing distribution and trading activities across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. By integrating the *McAsphalt Advantage*, Colas continues to expand its global logistics network, ensuring a reliable supply to key markets worldwide.

The McAsphalt Advantage, measuring 140 meters in length with a beam of 23.75 meters and a draught of 6.5 meters, combines durability and efficiency to meet critical North American supply demands.

Offering a cargo capacity of 11,000 cubic meters, it ensures optimal performance across challenging environments, including the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence Seaway, and Eastern Canada.

This acquisition, driven by McAsphalt's comprehensive operational network of 25 terminals, four laboratories, and a robust logistics network spanning marine, rail, and cargo operations, strengthens Colas' leadership in infrastructure solutions in Canada.

Furthermore, the vessel aligns with Colas' low-carbon strategy by operating on liquefied natural gas (LNG), significantly reducing emissions while maintaining high efficiency.



The McAsphalt Advantage reflects Colas' commitment to enhancing its value chain by independently managing bitumen supply, improving production reliability, and responding effectively to customer needs, according to François Vachon, Colas' Executive Vice President, Canada.



Bitumen remains essential to global transport infrastructure, serving as a binder in most road mixes. As the world's largest consumer of bitumen, Colas trades nearly five million tons annually, supported by an integrated logistics network that includes 71 terminals across five continents and specialized assets such as railcars and heated containers.



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Colas, a subsidiary of the Bouygues Group, has one mission: to imagine, build and maintain sustainable transport infrastructure. Backed by a network of 1,000 construction business units and 3,000 material production units in more than 50 countries on five continents, the Group's 65,000 employees act locally to connect communities and foster exchanges for today and tomorrow. Colas' ambition is to be the world leader in innovative, sustainable mobility solutions.

In 2023, consolidated revenue at Colas totaled €16 billion (60% outside of France).

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