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## PIRIOU sets up in the Seychelles





©PIRIOU - View of the Ile du Port, PIRIOU (SEYCHELLES) Ltd is setting up its new workshops

After the creation of PIRIOU REUNION in Reunion in January 2018, PIRIOU group is continuing its development in the Indian Ocean and is setting up a base in Mahé, in the Seychelles. PIRIOU is going into partnership with UCPS, represented by Joseph F. Albert, Chairman, and Grégory Albert, CEO, a major industrial and economic player in the Seychelles over the last 50 years.

Together, they are creating "PIRIOU SEYCHELLES LTD. The new company, whose workshops are located in Ile du Port in Seychelles Port Authority's (SPA) Marine Engineering Center, very close to the Ile du Port Handling Services (IPHS) wharf and the Tuna Seine landing wharf, will initially offer its floating ship maintenance services to civil and military shipowners.

The company will have the support of the UCPS and PIRIOU REUNION staff and also the engineering capacity of the PIRIOU Group.



This new workshop is part of PIRIOU's strategy to create regional bases allowing it, in association with a local partner, to be nearer to its historical customers and to provide local and quality services, to the same standards as its European shipyards, to all shipowners.



Vincent Faujour, Chairman of PIRIOU group, declared: "As announced in 2017, PIRIOU is giving itself the means to extend its international network of services for shipowners, whether or not they are the Group shipyards' historical customers. After PIRIOU REUNION, the creation of PIRIOU SEYCHELLES Ltd is a new stage in our positioning in the Indian Ocean. This new base will allow us to reinforce the links with our historical ocean-going Tuna fishing customers such as SAPMER and CFTO and also to develop new relationships with other tuna shipowners and also of course with shipowners operating supply vessels and long-distance cruisers from the Seychelles. We are setting up a base in Mahé, Ile du Port, with great modesty as well as great confidence in the future of PIRIOU SEYCHELLES Ltd thanks to our partner UCPS, with whom we share the same values: commitment, audacity and proximity".

Grégory Albert, CEO of UCPS, added: "Our Chairman Joseph F Albert has always been a visionary. For some years now he has wanted to invest in the ship repair sector, as he himself is an owner of passenger ships and LCT barges, which serve the nearby and outermost islands in the Seychelles archipelago.

As regards the Tuna fishing fleet operating out of Mahé, it was noted at a very early stage that there was a lack of high-quality services up to the standard of the best European shipyards in the vicinity. When an opportunity arose with PIRIOU group, with whom we share the same values, it was evident to us that this partnership would serve our initial vision, and would represent the start of an exciting human and naval adventure.

We are pulling out all the stops locally, to make sure this new project is a success. PIRIOU SEYCHELLES Ltd has just come into existence, our aim is to ensure its development with courage, honesty and pride, in collaboration with the local actors."



## **About PIRIOU**

Involved in shipbuilding, repair, naval engineering and services for 55 years, PIRIOU specializes in producing medium-sized vessels up to 120 m in length with high added value through a combination of high-performance engineering and a global network of industrial sites in Europe, Africa and Asia. With over 500 ships built and delivered worldwide, PIRIOU provides, on a global scale, bespoke solutions as well as a complete range of standardized or customized vessels that satisfy the requirements of international ship-owners, whether they be private or public, civilian or military. PIRIOU has the capacity to support ship-owners throughout the world, 24/7, to optimize the service time of their ships and offers maintenance-related services. <a href="https://www.piriou.com">www.piriou.com</a>

## **About UCPS**

Created in 1970, UCPS, UNITED CONCRETE PRODUCTS (SEYCHELLES) Ltd is the Seychelles archipelago's leader in civil construction, and harbour's wharf construction.

A quarry operator, UCPS carries out excavation, crushing and manufacture of concrete blocks and breeze blocks for building activities in the Seychelles.

LCT barge owners, UCPS performs maritime works and transports heavy packages between the islands.

Managed by Grégory Albert – CEO, UCPS is a subsidiary of the Seychelles group JFA, whose chairman is Joseph F. Albert, who also owns subsidiaries in the tourism (CREOLE TRAVEL SERVICES, Domaine de l'Orangeraie, Domaine de La Réserve, Brillant Appartements) and maritime passenger transport (CAT COCOS) sectors. <a href="www.ucps.sc">www.ucps.sc</a>

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