FLYING WHALES at the Dubai World Expo: how France is reinventing futuristic mobility solutions for remote and landlocked areas.

March 9th, 2021 – The France Pavilion at the Dubai World Expo is delighted to showcase FLYING WHALES as part of its permanent exhibition. With its unique solution for providing sustainable cargo transport to landlocked and isolated regions around the world, FLYING WHALES is fully in tune with the challenges of building the world of tomorrow - a world the France Pavilion will be bringing to light over the next six months.

The Dubai World Expo will be the biggest gathering of 2021. Expo 2020 Dubai is the first world expo to be held in the MEASA region (Middle East, Africa, and South Asia), and is centred around the theme of “Connecting Minds, Creating the Future.” Expo 2020 Dubai brings together more than 200 participants representing various entities — countries, organisations, companies, and academic establishments — and is expected to receive some 25 million visitors.

World Expos of this kind have always ranked among the most eagerly anticipated international events, alongside the Olympic Games and the World Cup. They carry on a proud and longstanding history, beginning with the first ever Great Exhibition held in London in 1851.

The ambitions set by these expos have evolved over the decades, and today lean towards international cooperation and the search for solutions to the challenges humanity faces. Over six months, every country in the world will come together to discuss, propose and implement practical solutions for the benefit of all humankind.
The France Pavilion:
a unique setting to showcase and promote French excellence and savoir-faire.

In Dubai, the France Pavilion’s role is to place France at the centre of the international stage by promoting her innovations, talents and assets, serving as an unforgettable showcase for French excellence and expertise.

France is also setting out to position itself as an international driving force for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the UN, and for rebuilding the post-health crisis world. As part of this approach, the Pavilion will shine a spotlight on initiatives and innovations with the power to address the challenges of economic, social, ecological and cultural transformation in our society. With its unique solution for opening up access to isolated or landlocked regions around the world, FLYING WHALES is fully in line with this ethos.

With its imposing presence at what is set to be the most important international gathering of 2021, the France Pavilion will also be playing a role in stimulating French economic growth. Indeed, this international gathering is a unique chance for companies to rebound economically, by creating new development opportunities and facilitating access to new markets.

“I am delighted to have FLYING WHALES as an official partner of the France Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai. The involvement of this young industrial firm at this international event fully demonstrates our desire to bring together ALL of our country’s talents in order to showcase French excellence and expertise.”

Erik Linquier,
Commissioner General for France at Expo 2020 Dubai, and Chairman of Cofrex

FLYING WHALES brings French innovation to Dubai

FLYING WHALES is a French company whose innovations and expert teams (together with the backing of its industrial consortium) have enabled it to develop an ambitious and unique programme: the LCA60T. The LCA60T is an airship designed for transporting heavy loads, with a cargo capacity of 60 tonnes.

“FLYING WHALES and the 40 companies making up the consortium behind its aviation programmes would like to thank the French authorities for choosing us as part of its drive to promote the new wave of French industrial engineering.

We are proud to be showcasing this unique solution at Dubai World Expo: by enabling up to 60 tonnes to be loaded or unloaded while the vessel is still in the air (either in cargo bays or under slings), this innovative program will simultaneously help to develop the economies of landlocked areas or regions with limited infrastructure, and to reduce the environmental footprint generated by transporting cargo across the world.”

Sébastien Bougon,
Chairman of FLYING WHALES

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About COFREX
Founded in January 2018, the COFREX (French Exhibition Company) is a publicly owned simplified joint-stock company. Its creation was a turning point for French involvement at international events for the general public, as it was the first time that an expert body had been put together in this area. Its aim is to prepare, organise and oversee France’s participation in universal and international Exhibitions.
COFREX’s creation is part of a sustainable, long-term project to use the experience of previous Expos in order to perfectly and cost-effectively organise France’s involvement at World Expos and other international exhibitions. Its role falls under the rationale of partnership between public and private operators working to boost France’s image and international appeal. For more information: www.cofrex.fr

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