

PRESS RELEASE

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MPET presented €5,600 cheque to 'HOPE'

On Sunday 11 June, the leading Antwerp terminal operator MSC PSA European Terminal (MPET) presented a cheque worth €5,600 to the Belgian non-profit HOPE Benefit. This happened during the charity organisation's Kids and Family Sunday at the summer bar 'Bar Brial' in Mortsel. HOPE Benefit aims to give people with an illness or any kind of setback a new purpose in life. The donation fits perfectly with the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) that MPET aims to demonstrate every day.

HOPE is the brainchild of Rupert Suply, a popular DJ and football player who succumbed to cancer in 2016. The organisation was handed a cheque for 5,600 euros by CEO of MPET Johan Van Daele on Sunday 11 June. The funds come from selling the scrap iron collected at the terminal. The proceeds support a different charity each time. Other organisations that MPET will support later this year are the 'Children's Cancer Fund' and 'Me to You', that supports research projects that fight leukaemia and other bone marrow diseases.

CEO van MPET Johan Van Daele: *"Needless to say, I was very pleased to hand over a nice sum to HOPE. We are more than a terminal operator, we are also a company that attaches great importance to our social role. And we are proving that again with this donation."*

Bonny Van den Bergh of HOPE Benefit: *"We are extremely grateful that more and more external organisations, such as MPET, are taking their own initiatives to support HOPE Benefit. As a small organisation, it is also the only way for us to continue helping as many charities as possible. That is still our biggest ambition: to help those in need wherever we can. That was the great wish of our inspirer Rupert. Soon, we will again put our shoulders to the wheel on a project of the Children's Cancer Fund. And we will also donate new educational play equipment to children's wards, as we have done to a handful of hospitals in the past. There is a lot in the pipeline anyway."*

About MPET

MSC PSA European Terminal (MPET) is a joint venture between PSA and Terminal Investment Limited (TIL). With an annual throughput capacity of 9 million TEU, a quay length of 3.7 km and a surface area of 242 ha, MPET is the largest container terminal in Europe and accounts for more than 50% of Antwerp's total container volume. MPET is equipped with 38 container cranes and has 11 berths to handle the largest ships in the world.

MPET is convinced that, besides an economic function, they also have a social role to play within the local community. Therefore, they provide financial and/or logistical support to



several smaller and larger projects every year. Over the years, they have built mutually beneficial long-term relationships, championing projects close to the hearts of our people.

About HOPE

HOPE Benefit is the brainchild of Rupert Suply. In June 2016, Rupert had to give up the fight against cancer after many years of fighting and more than 650 sessions of chemotherapy. Barely six months after the Antwerp-based DJ and ex-top athlete, together with his partner Bonny, had become the proud parents of son Lewis. For Rupert, the birth of Lewis also immediately marked an important key moment to steer his benefit organisation in a new direction. And at the same time give a new future to a wide variety of charities.