

FRU ANNE-MARIE WILLOCH's TALE VED LUNSJ I SAINT-NAZAIRE
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Dear hosts,
Excellencies,
Ladies and gentlemen,

I have indeed been looking forward to see my god-child, and I must say I have been deeply impressed, both with the platform itself and with the biggest shipyard in this country.

May I therefore express my sincere thanks for the great honour bestowed upon me; being entrusted with the responsibility of naming KOSMOS. I can assure you that I take real pride in being the godmother of this marvellous platform. This has been a very memorable day.

The name "Kosmos" means a lot in Norway. It is the name of an outstanding company. For this dynamic enterprise it must be challenging and stimulating to receive this new creation. And I do hope that it will be rewarding as well.

"Kosmos" is also synonymous with good order, a world order as opposed to global chaos. And here we can see an impressive example of cosmos made out of overwhelming complexity. KOSMOS is indeed a tangible result of advanced French technology and quality. I am convinced that this delivery will contribute to the further strengthening of the good relationship between our two nations.

For the godmother the well-being of the crew is a dominant concern. I feel sure that everything possible has been done to secure the safety of those who will be working and living on board this flotel. To-day I have seen for myself that KOSMOS is also designed to provide living-quarters of the highest standard, thus creating the necessary facilities so that the KOSMOS crew of different nationalities will feel well together and become real cosmopolitans.

It is my privilege to decide the use of a gift of money for which I am most grateful. I know it is very important for Norwegians to learn more about France and how to develop the cultural and the business relations between our two countries. For that reason, it is my wish, with the donors consent, that the sum shall be used for stipends to young Norwegians who want to study in France.

May I then conclude by offering my sincere congratulations to both Chantiers de l'Atlantique and Jahre Offshore, as well as Mobil Exploration Norway who will employ this rig in the North Sea. I would also like to express again my very best wishes to all who are to work and live on KOSMOS.

I propose a toast to the builders, the owners and all who are associated with my god-child KOSMOS.