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## **PROJECT CARGO BY RIVER FROM ROVIGO TO VENICE AND THEN KUWAIT**

*Synergies supporting a supply chain that shows growth potential and makes Venice the privileged port for project cargo*

Venice, 11 September 2017 – **The heavy lift vessel, PANTHERA J, sailed from the Transped terminal with 4 exchangers (130 tons each) on board, after they were loaded at the Rovigo freight port, and arrived in Venice on a barge along the Canal Bianco.**

This is the third shipment of an unprecedented operation started last July – valuing the river connection with the Rovigo freight and river port in favour of project cargo traffic.

**The Port of Venice to date is the only Italian port to count on river transport with class V barges and on the transfer of project cargo onto river barge from Rovigo to Venice** performed by **Fagioli Spa** and by **Tecnoservice**, both running the river service connecting Venice and Mantova.

*"This exclusive method of transport by river has proven crucial for the 4 mega exchangers, whose size has greatly determined the choice to adopt river transport from Rovigo to Venice, allowing for the transportation of project cargo in a stable and safe manner"* as **Paolo Zangrando of CTS Trasporti** explains. CTS Trasporti, active in Venice for 25 years and one of the most evolved project cargo companies, has carried out the transport services and supervised the loading phases at the Rovigo freight port to the transfer from barge to ocean-going ship in Marghera of the project cargo on behalf of **Altius S.A** – Spanish carrier and ship owner that acted as General Contractor of the operation, represented in Italy by Alessandro Tomada.

*"This is an example of a port and logistic system operating on a regional scale. We wish to keep valorising this synergy between port and freight port. It shows a full and effective integration in the implementation of a crucial service for a very important supply chain of the Port of Venice, extending across regional borders reaching Lombard markets – project cargo"* the President of the Port System Authority, **Pino Musolino**, stated.

**Panthera J is now going to Shuaiba in Kuwait, one of the over 50 world destinations of project cargo departing from the Port of Venice**, recognized at a national and European level for the know-how and consolidated expertise of terminal operators, carriers, agents and shipping companies specialized in project cargo and dedicated infrastructures, with docks reaching a 7-ton per m<sup>2</sup> capacity, that can be easily increased according to the needs with slabs and structures for the division of cargo.

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