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THE PORT OF VENICE LAUNCHES TWO NEW MARITIME SERVICES AT BREAK BULK EUROPE 2017

The return of Ocean Alliance's direct line with the Far East and the new Neptune Line service

dedicated to motor vehicles departing from Fusina's terminal.

Antwerp, 24 - 26 April 2017 - Once again, the Port of Venice plays a leading role at the **Break Bulk Europe** international fair of **Antwerp**, an exhibition that brings together the most important players in the break-bulk field.

The participation of port operators alongside the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority is massive for this 2017 edition of the fair: for terminals, Multi Service and Sorima; for maritime agents, Radonicich, Mirco Santi, Tositti, Bassani, Columbia, Minucci; for freight forwarders, Baggio Spa, Stemarshipping, Broccardo and CTS Trasporti.



"In the 2017 edition of this fair, Venice is proud to announce a steady sector growth, recording a 15% increase in last months project cargo handling. These so sensational results can be compared with the evocative handling of the columns of Saint Mark and Saint Todaro and the massive Horses of St. Mark, also known as the Triumphal Quadriga, of the Basilica of Saint Mark, which arrived via galeras back in 1200", said the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority President, **Pino Musolino**, participating the Fair. A reference to the past that can be also found in the logo, graphics and materials with which the System Authority is present at the fair.

Just to mention some of the project cargo handled in the last months: a giant boiler produced in the Northern East of Italy departed for the Emirates (it was so massive that it needed the largest ship that ever called at the Venetian docks); 4 reactors weighing over 900 tons each, departed from Venice to Malaysia -two of them were produced in Mantua (Northern-East of Italy) by a big engineering company located by the river, and after being boarded on river barges arrived in Venice by inland waterways, while the other two were produced directly by a company located in Venice-Marghera; a very long sour gas absorber (30 mt) destined to Port Said that has been handled in record time. In addition, the yachts and maxi yachts exported by ship that can be considered as a "exceptional luxury breakbulk"

The extraordinary Antwerp occasion was chosen for the official announcement of two new maritime services departing from the port of Venice from May 2017.

The first marks the opening of a **new traffic segment: motor vehicles**. The service is announced by Peter Menzel, Commercial Director at NEPTUNE LINES, a leading logistics company specialized in automotive cargo, whose core business is the Mediterranean and Black Sea area, serving over 20 markets and 30 key ports in this area.

Having successfully concluded a project with FORD Germany, **Neptune Lines will start adding the Venice Ro-Port MoS to its Adriatic weekly service**. Mentzel said: *"We are very excited to start calling the Ro-ro Port of Venice and we look forward to a successful cooperation, supported by Tositti Group as our local representative for Venice Port"*. In addition to providing the opportunity for fast direct connections between Italy, Turkey and Greece, Neptune Lines can connect through its hub in Piraeus cargo flows to Israel, Egypt, Lebanon, Algeria, Tunisia, Marocco and the Black Sea for all types of rolling and static shipments.

The second new service, "is an old story" or rather an "ancient story", as from **May 2017, the Ocean Alliance's Med-Far East service will restart** (after the service was stopped last winter because of a structural drop in demand), *de facto* confirming Venice importance in the XXI° century Maritime Silk Road context.

The direct service of the Ocean Alliance (formed by China Cosco Shipping, Evergreen Line, CMA CGM and OOCL) will start with the MN APL Oregon ship arriving on the 10th of May at the Vecon terminal in Venice and, as confirmed by shipping companies, the service will develop the Break Bulk traffic (transformers, tanks, yachts, etc.) with the aim of handling almost 2000-2500 TEU per ship in import and export. The service will employ 10 ships with a capacity of 6500-6800 TEU.

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