

THE GRIMALDI GROUP'S *GREAT ABIDJAN* DELIVERED IN SOUTH KOREA

This is the fourth of six brand-new multipurpose ro-ro ships. She will soon be deployed to transport rolling freight and containers between Northern Europe and West Africa.

Naples, 24 April 2024: The **Great Abidjan** has joined the Grimaldi Group's increasingly large and modern fleet. She is the fourth of six multipurpose ro-ro units belonging to the innovative "G5" class and commissioned from the Hyundai Mipo Dockyard Co. Ltd shipyard in Ulsan (South Korea). On 23 April, the naming and delivery ceremony of the new ship took place at the South Korean shipyard.

The event was attended, among others, by **Diego Pacella**, President of Grimaldi Deep Sea S.p.A., **Amelia Grimaldi** and the Italian shipping company's Euromed & Far East/Europe Line Manager **Luigi Pacella Grimaldi**; **Hyung Kwan Kim**, **Eui Sung Yoon** and **Sang Ho Jin** – respectively President, Executive Vice President and Vice President of Hyundai Mipo Dockyard Co. Ltd – represented the shipyard at the event. The Italian Ambassador to Seoul **Emilia Gatto** acted as the godmother of the vessel; after the ceremony, she highlighted the importance of commercial relations between Italy and South Korea and thanked both companies for providing an excellent example of partnership between the two countries.

With length of 250 metres, beam of 38 metres and deadweight of 45,684 tonnes, the design of the **Great Abidjan** is the result of a careful study of the needs of the Group and its customers: thanks to an innovative and completely customized internal configuration, the G5-class ships are able to transport 4,700 linear metres of rolling freight, 2,500 CEU (Car Equivalent Units) and 2,000 TEU (Twenty Foot Equivalent Units). Compared to the previous G4-class, the new vessels have the same capacity for rolling freight while their container capacity is double.

In addition to loading capacity, the **Great Abidjan** stands out on account of her numerous cutting-edge, technological solutions aimed at increasing energy efficiency and reducing environmental impact. As a result, the vessel enables a reduction of CO₂ emissions per tonne transported of up to 43% compared to other Grimaldi con-ro multipurpose ships.

*“The Great Abidjan is the outcome of a long and fruitful co-operation with Hyundai Mipo Dockyard which may continue in the future for the renewal of our existing fleet”, stated **Diego Pacella**, President of Grimaldi Deep Sea S.p.A. “Named after a port that has been regularly included in the routes served by our Group for years, the vessel will be deployed, like her three sister vessels already in operation, on our deepsea connections between Northern Europe and West Africa”, concluded Diego Pacella.*

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***The Grimaldi Group**, headquartered in Naples, operates a fleet of over 130 vessels and employs approximately 18,000 people. Wholly owned by the Grimaldi family, it is a multinational logistics Group specialised in the operation of roll-on/roll-off vessels, car carriers and ferries. It comprises seven shipping companies, namely: Grimaldi Deep Sea, operating in the transport of rolling cargo and container on the Atlantic routes and between the Mediterranean and West Africa; Grimaldi Euromed, specialized in the transport of rolling freight in Europe, in the Motorways of the Sea and in the transport of passengers in the Mediterranean with the Grimaldi Lines brand; Atlantic Container Line, which offers transport services for containers and rolling cargo between North America and North Europe; Malta Motorways of the Sea, whose vessels connect Malta to the main ports in the Mediterranean; Minoan Lines, operating in Greek cabotage for the transport of freight and passengers; Finnlines, operating in freight and passengers transport in the North and Baltic Sea; Tramed GLE, active in the transport of freight and passengers between mainland Spain and the Balearic Islands.*

The maritime connections are the core of an advanced logistics chain, which includes port terminals and road transport companies. The over 20 port and terminals owned/operated by the Grimaldi Group are located in 13 countries around the world: Italy, Spain, Greece, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Ireland, Belgium, Egypt, Cameroon, Nigeria, Benin. Most of these terminals are fitted with Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI) facilities, warehouses and workshops.

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