

## THE GRIMALDI GROUP TAKES DELIVERY OF THE **GRANDE CALIFORNIA**

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Naples, 8 June 2021: The last of the seven PCTC (Pure Car & Truck Carrier) vessels ordered from the Chinese Yangfan shipyard in Zhoushan was delivered to the Grimaldi Group today. Her name is **Grande California**, and like her six sister units already in service, she is among the largest and most eco-friendly car carriers in the world.

With a length of 199.9 metres and a beam of 36.45 metres, the **Grande California** has a gross tonnage of 65,255 tonnes and a service speed of 19 knots. The Italian-flagged ship can transport around 7,600 CEU (Car Equivalent Units) or, alternatively, 5,400 linear metres of rolling stock and 2,737 CEU.

With her four hoistable decks, the **Grande California** is an extremely flexible vessel: besides cars, she is able to transport any type of rolling freight (cars, vans, trucks, tractors, buses, excavators, etc.) up to 5.3 metres high. The side ramp and quarter stern ramp allow the loading of freight units weighing up to 150 tonnes, while the configuration of her 12 decks and the system of internal ramps minimize the risk of damage to the cargo during loading and unloading operations.

Also with respect to environmental sustainability, the **Grande California** is a state-of-the-art ship: in fact, she is equipped with devices that allow her to reduce harmful emissions and achieve high energy efficiency. These include an electronically-controlled Man Energy Solutions main engine, as required by the new regulations for the reduction of nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions, as well as an exhaust gas cleaning system for cutting sulphur oxide (SO<sub>x</sub>) and particulate emissions. In addition, she complies with the latest ballast water treatment regulations.

*"Expanding our fleet with large, modern and environmentally friendly ships such as the Grande California means being able to offer increasingly better transport services not only for our customers but also for the environment", stated Emanuele Grimaldi, Managing Director of the Neapolitan shipping company. "Another 15 new, highly innovative ships will be delivered to our group in the coming years, and we continue to invest in research and development to constantly increase the quality of our offer while reducing the environmental impact of our operations. We will go ahead in this direction, convinced that this is the right choice".*

Once she arrives from China, the **Grande California** will be deployed to further boost the weekly ro-ro connection operated by the Grimaldi Group between the Mediterranean and North America, regularly serving 15 ports in Italy (Civitavecchia, Gioia Tauro, Livorno, Salerno, Savona), Spain (Valencia), Belgium (Antwerp), Canada (Halifax), United States (Baltimore, Davisville, Houston, Jacksonville, New York), and Mexico (Altamira, Veracruz).

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*The Grimaldi Group, headquartered in Naples, operates a fleet of over 130 vessels and employs approximately 16,000 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 six 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, shipowning company; 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.*

*The maritime connections are the core of an advanced logistics chain, which includes port terminals and road transport companies. The 22 port terminals owned/operated by the Grimaldi Group are located in 12 countries around the world: Italy (Salerno, Monfalcone, Civitavecchia, Catania, Gioia Tauro, Savona Palermo & Livorno), Spain (Barcelona, Valencia and Sagunto), Germany (Hamburg), Sweden (Wallhamn), Finland (Turku & Helsinki), Denmark (Esbjerg), Ireland (Cork), Belgium (Antwerp), Egypt (Alexandria), Cameroon (Douala), Nigeria (Lagos), Benin (Cotonou). Most of these terminals are fitted with Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI) facilities, warehouses and workshops.*