The Port of Valencia records its highest ever traffic figures

VALENCIAPORT'S THROUGHPUT EXCEEDS 67 MILLION TONNES IN 2014

- **Import-export traffic of general cargo rises by 8.61% and reaches a new record for full container throughput (+7.35%).**

- **Valencia consolidates its position as Spain's leading import-export port.**

- **Container traffic increased by 2.64% in 2014.**

Valencia, 9th February 2015.- Valenciaport handled a total of 67,019,770 tonnes in 2014, representing the facility's highest ever figures, and bringing with it a 3.09% increase compared with the previous year. In addition, import-export throughput of general cargo rose by 8.61% over 2013. A breakdown of these figures shows a 10.49% rise in the **exports** of general cargo to 12,393,159 tonnes, boosted by buoyant traffic results to Italy (+53.12%), Algeria (+28.54%), and the USA (+26.60%). **Imports** also went up by 5.29% to 6,665,543 tonnes, as a result of increased traffic from China (+2.54%), Italy (+24.08%), the USA (+13.26%) and Turkey (+8.92%). Conversely, **transit** throughput fell by 3.67%.

Increases in **container traffic** continued, with the three ports managed by the Port Authority of Valencia (Valencia, Sagunto and Gandia) handling a total of 4,441,949 TEUs, which represented an increase of 2.64% and consolidated growth in this category. This rise was basically due to stronger import-export traffic of full containers (+7.35%).

Containerised general cargo fell slightly by 1% to 49,289,732 tonnes. Some of the main goods handled in this category in 2014 were finished construction materials, which dropped by 2.14% to 4.85 million tonnes; other goods, which rose by 9.91% to 1.93 million tonnes, and chemical products, which went up by 9.61% to 1.56 million tonnes.

In turn, *conventional general cargo* went up by 15.74%, to a total of 9,438,041 tonnes. This increase was mainly due to encouraging results in goods like iron and steel products, which rose by 5.90% to 1.71 million tonnes, and cars and car parts, which went up by 42.04% to 1.04 million tonnes. Similarly in 2014, the ports of Valencia and Sagunto together handled a total of 495,323 vehicles as goods, i.e. a 5.73% increase over the previous year. Ro-ro traffic also rose by 19.47% in 2014, to a total of 7,603,321 tonnes.

By the end of the year, *liquid bulk* had risen by 25.35%, reaching a total throughput of 5,220,698 tonnes. This traffic included natural gas, which rose by 32.58% to 3.68 million tonnes; fuel-oil which

increased by 5.18% to 386,000 tonnes; diesel which dropped by 4.19% to 366,000 tonnes, and chemical products which went up by 7.46% to 360,000 tonnes.

Solid bulk throughput rose by 9.64% to 2,680,192 tonnes in 2014. This rise was due to increases in goods such as grain and flour, which went up by 12.95% to 916,000 tonnes; cement and clinker, which increased by 27.31% to 662,000 tonnes, and natural and artificial fertilisers which went up by 30.36% to 539,000 tonnes.

Cruise traffic

In 2014, cruise traffic fell by 21.16% at the Port of Valencia, with a total of 373,013 cruise passengers calling at the Valencian enclave. In addition, ferry passenger traffic also dropped by 8.09% to 319,458 passengers. In total, 692,471 cruise and ferry passengers used the Port of Valencia in 2014, which represents a 15.62% decrease over the previous year.

Traffic by country and geographical areas

The leading five countries in terms of goods shipped through Valenciaport in 2014 were Spain, with 7.20 million tonnes (+4.64%); Algeria, with 6.81 million tonnes, which represented an increase of 13.21%; China, with 6.1 million tonnes, (-9.60%); Italy, with 5.13 million tonnes and a rise of 23.38%; and the USA, with 3.40 million tonnes (+5.97%). In terms of the main **geographical areas** served by Valenciaport, total throughput for the Mediterranean and the Black Sea rose by 11.85% to 20.67 million tonnes, whilst traffic to and from the Far East, rose by 2.46% to 9.39 million tonnes.