



NEW LINE BETWEEN VALENCIA AND THE PORT OF MOSTAGANEM (ALGERIA)

Valencia, 14-03-2016.- On Monday, Valenciaport played host to the first call of a new line carrying passengers and vehicles between Valencia and the port of Mostaganem in Algeria. To mark the call, the Port Authority of Valencia presented the captain of the *El Djazair II* vessel with a commemorative plaque at a ceremony held at the Clocktower Building in the Port of Valencia. The event was attended by the Port Authority of Valencia's General Manager, Francesc Sánchez; the Governor of Mostaganem province, Temmar Abdelwahid; the Director-General of Public Works, Carlos Domingo, and the Deputy Central Government representative in the Valencian Region, Juan Carlos Valderrama, as well as around a hundred guests from Algeria.

"The start of this service from Valencia to Mostaganem is a historic event. It represents a whole host of opportunities for Spain to create jobs in tourism, agriculture and other activities", said Temmar Abdelwahid, Wali of the Wilaya

The new Algeria Ferries line, which is operated by the state-owned ENTMV shipping company, will run throughout the summer up to the month of September. A total of 17 calls have been scheduled for the period, with extra weekly sailings in the months of July and August.

"When we talk about volume of trade, there are many variables to take into account. A similar line calling at Alicante has shown that many people come to shop, bringing millions of euros to the region", said Francesc Sánchez, General Manager of the Port Authority of Valencia

The launch of this new line will increase Valenciaport's traffic to and from Algeria, which has grown its traffic considerably over the last few years in terms of goods throughput, becoming the main country of destination and origin at the port facility.