



GRIMALDI GROUP AND THE *GRANDE AMERICA* INCIDENT: PRIORITY GIVEN TO ANTIPOLLUTION MEASURES

Naples, 14th March 2019: Following the sinking of the RoRo container vessel *Grande America*, the Grimaldi Group wishes to make the following update.

At the moment of the incident, the *Grande America* had onboard freight composed of rolling units, containers and some general cargo, loaded in Antwerp and Hamburg with destination Casablanca (Morocco), Dakar (Senegal), Conakry (Guinea), the Brazilian ports of Suape, Vitoria, Rio de Janeiro, Santos and Paranagua, Zarate (Argentina) and Montevideo (Uruguay).

Total vehicles onboard were 2,210, with new ones being 1,298 (originating from the major vehicle manufacturers).

Containers onboard were 365, with 247 stowed on the weather deck and the remaining on the lowest deck. 78% of the units were bound to South America and the rest to West Africa (mainly Casablanca). Containers with IMO-classified hazardous cargo were 45, 34 of which stowed on the weather deck and the rest inside the vessel.

With reference to the carriage of IMO-classified cargo, the Grimaldi Group has already in place a very stringent policy, beyond the class requirements for this vessel, with over 100 commodities specifically banned (including explosives, radioactive, corrosive and toxic material, etc.).

In the framework of its **antipollution plan**, the Grimaldi Group has immediately dispatched in the place of sinking of the *Grande America* the Anchor Handling Supply vessel *Union Lynx* which is monitoring any ship's fuel spill and is organising the recovery of any floating container.

A Grimaldi-appointed team of experts in marine casualties and pollution prevention is already in Brest in order to monitor the environmental situation and advise any further measures, always in coordination with the French Authorities.

Moreover, in agreement with the French Authorities, the Grimaldi Group will undertake a **submarine survey** of the wreck, located at 4,600 metres sea depth, by means of the vessel *Pourquoi Pas*, equipped with a modern ROV (Remotely Operated Vessel).

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The Grimaldi Group, headquartered in Naples, operates a fleet of over 120 vessels and employs approximately 15,000 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 21 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), Cameroon (Douala), Nigeria (Lagos), Benin (Cotonou). Most of these terminals are fitted with Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI) facilities, warehouses and workshops.