



Noatum Maritime and Erkport Launch JV for Global Ro-Ro & Vehicle Logistics Transportation

“United Global Ro-Ro” to enhance vehicle logistics, high & heavy cargo, and global shipping services

Abu Dhabi, UAE – 24 February 2025: Noatum Maritime, part of AD Ports Group (ADX: ADPORTS), the leading facilitator of global trade, logistics, and industry, has established a new Joint Venture (JV) with Erkport, a Turkish-based company with a proven track record in the Roll-on/Roll-off (Ro-Ro) shipping industry, launching a Ro-Ro liner business with integrated networks.

Under the terms of the agreement, Noatum Maritime, the largest provider of diversified maritime services in the Middle East region, will own a 60% stake in the JV, with Erkport owning the remaining 40%.

Strategically positioned to connect key ports in the automotive industry, the venture, operating under the brand “United Global Ro-Ro” will provide an integrated product for global automobile movement, along with high & heavy transportation. In parallel, it will develop and integrate regional feeder networks catering to diverse markets, as well as enhance the accessibility and reach of the Ro-Ro liner services across Europe, the Mediterranean Sea, South Africa, the Arabian Gulf, and Asia, connecting regional and international hubs.

The partnership aims to consolidate both parties extensive fleet and logistical infrastructure, with operational expertise and reliability, creating a business optimised for Ro-Ro feeder shipping operations. Noatum Maritime and Erkport will jointly deploy Container Ro-Ro (ConRo), Pure Car and Truck Carrier (PCTC), and Ro-Ro vessels on the commencement of operations. In total, the JV will start with 11 vessels deployed on five services.

Captain Ammar Al Shaiba, CEO - Maritime & Shipping Cluster, AD Ports Group, said: “The demand for efficient cargo transportation continues to rise, and this strategic partnership allows us to expand in the Ro-Ro shipping industry, consistently explore new markets and capitalise on emerging opportunities. This venture is set to further streamline operations through integrated regional feeder networks, reduce transit times, and enhance cargo delivery efficiency for our customers. Moreover, Erkport’s established presence and experience in the Ro-Ro sector, along with their successful track record in developing and managing their own Ro-Ro business, make them an ideal collaborator for



this joint venture. We anticipate that leveraging the synergies between Noatum Maritime and Erkport will ensure the long-term success of our partnership, allowing us to continue delivering exceptional maritime services."

Tolga Emrah Gezgin, Chairman of the Erkport, said "This Partnership with Noatum Maritime marks a significant milestone as we join forces to expand the Ro-Ro shipping and vehicle logistics sector. Erkport's market knowledge and expertise in Ro-Ro operations, combined with Noatum Maritime's extensive global network and capabilities creates a powerful collaboration that will unlock opportunities for each of us, and of course our customers. We can categorise these opportunities as security, quality, and experience. And of course, while providing all these advantages, we cannot overlook speed, which is a major competitive factor. I believe the synergy between us will bring a fresh perspective to the industry."

The venture is set to expand the global footprint of the Ro-Ro liner service while fostering a culture of collaborative innovation, combining the strengths of both companies to develop cutting-edge solutions for the Ro-Ro shipping industry and achieve sustainable growth.

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About the Erkport:

Established in 2013, Erkport has been a success story since its inception, leveraging its deep industry experience and expert operational strength. Erkport operates in five main areas: port operations and management, logistics operations, bonded and free warehouse management, finished vehicle logistics, and Ro-Ro services. Erkport is a fast-growing company in finished vehicle logistics. With a high transportation capacity and an increasing fleet of ships—currently 12 ships—Erkport handles vehicle transport on 8 regular lines, with a floating capacity of 32,000 vehicles at any given time, covering Europe, North America, North Africa, the Middle East, and the Far East. Erkport plays a key role in the entry of an average of 90,000 vehicles into the market each month. With over 500 employees, 500,000 tons of storage capacity, and 25 million tons of cargo handling capacity, Erkport continues to achieve success with its deep experience and expertise in the sector. Erkport also provides Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI) services at its ports, ensuring the final checks and preparation of vehicles for delivery. Continuing to enhance its services with innovative and flexible applications, Erkport strengthens its technological infrastructure in offices across regions such as Izmir, Iskenderun, and Istanbul, particularly supporting employment in port areas. Erkport continues to successfully meet customer needs with transparency and reliability in operations, achieving many successes with pride.

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