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CIRCLE and Ulusoy: Ports of Trieste and Cesme more and more connected thanks to the digitalization

The success of first pilot test of International Fast & Secure Trade Lane, realized within European project FENIX, lays the foundation for the harmonization of the document flows between the various actors involved in the Corridor

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CIRCLE Group, specialized in the analysis and development of innovative digitization solutions for port and intermodal logistics sectors headed by Circle S.p.A. (listed on Euronext Growth Milan market), announces together with Turkish company **Ulusoy** (represented in Italy by **Samer & Co. Shipping**) of the success of first pilot test of International Fast & Secure Trade Lane between the Ports of Trieste and Cesme.

Realized within European project **FENIX** (coordinated by ERTICO at European level and by the Ministry of infrastructure and transport as recipient through TTS Italia at a national level) this pilot test saw the use of IoT (Internet of Things) technologies and eSeals with RFID electronic components with a numbered sequence which allows immediate identification of each container.

“We are excited and happy to have contributed to the success of this important pilot test of an International Fast & Secure Trade Lane capable of simplifying trade flows between the Ports of Trieste and Cesme in Turkey” said Luca Abatello, President & CEO at Circle.

As in the case of the other test concluded within European project **FENIX** between the Ports of Trieste and Pendik, the next stage previews a further activity exploiting advanced digitalization customs tools with the direct involvement of Italian and Turkish Customs and Monopolies Agencies.

About CIRCLE Group

CIRCLE Group is the Group specialized in the analysis and development of **innovation and digitalization solutions for the port and intermodal logistics sectors** headed by **Circle S.p.A.**, Innovative SME listed on the **Euronext Growth Milan market of Borsa Italiana** since October 26th, 2018 (alphanumeric code: CIRC; ISIN code for ordinary shares: IT. 0005344996).

Besides Circle, belong to the Group software houses **Info.era** and **Progetto Adele**, purchased respectively at the end of 2017 and in July 2019.

Synergies between Circle, Info.era and Progetto Adele allowed the Group to expand the portfolio of solutions offered in the fields of IoT, Optimisation, Digital Twin, Big Data and Process Automation, and to strengthen its software products: **Milos®** - the suite for all players of intermodal logistics such as



*inland terminals, port terminals, ports, MTOs and shipping agencies, **Sinfomar** - Port Community System -, **Master SPED®** and **Master TRADE®** solutions - respectively dedicated to shipping and logistics, and to commerce and industry.*

*With **Circle Connecting EU**, Circle supports Public Entities and Companies by identifying their positioning at European level (**EU Branding**) and funding opportunities (**Project Anticipation**).*

*Moreover, thanks to the joint venture agreement and purchase of **Magellan Circle**, Portuguese entity delivering advocacy services towards the European Institutions, **Circle Connecting EU** offers further services at European level, regarding the Iberian Peninsula, having strengthened its presence in Brussels and taken maximum advantages from opportunities linked to the **Next Generation EU** Recovery Fund. Lastly, Circle leads **Log@Sea**, network of enterprises to enhance its evolved solutions for Gate Automation of ports and intermodal hubs.*

About Ulusoy

***Ulusoy Shipping Group** entered shipping sector as a Shipping agency company in **1981**. Upon establishing the **Samsun-Novorossiysk Ro-Ro Line** in 1994 the group started serving the international transportation market. Group's main field of business became **Ro-Ro (Roll-On Roll-Off) transportation**, which is an important part of combined and intermodal transportation. Since 2000, after establishing the **Cesme-Trieste Ro-Ro line**, the group is providing Ro-Ro services only between Cesme which is our own port and Trieste without interruption, and they have been serving exporter/importer and transportation companies working with the European Countries which has the highest trade volume with Turkey. On the Cesme-Trieste line, they make four round trips per week with their four (4) RoRo vessels.*

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