



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Roma Cruise Terminal inaugurates its new cruise terminal: Terminal Amerigo Vespucci**

On the 18th of May, 18 months from the start of the construction, Roma Cruise Terminal unveiled its new cruise terminal, Terminal Amerigo Vespucci. Covering 11,000 sqm, the terminal is one of the largest in Europe and marks an important milestone for the company jointly owned by Costa, MSC and Royal Caribbean Cruises.

At an investment of around €20 million, the new terminal is designed to meet the requirements of the largest cruise ships further consolidating Civitavecchia as one of Europe's premier cruise ports.

The building includes passenger and luggage control facilities at the ground floor. A crew room, also situated in the building's atrium, will facilitate the ships' crew reception process. Proceeding from the atrium to the first floor, passengers will be welcomed in a check-in area with 60 counters that can be doubled to 120 ports. Close to 90 monitors in the check-in area will keep passengers updated on their check-in status as well as itinerary and other useful information. A VIP lounge, the "Cruise Bar" and terrace are designed to guarantee a pleasant experience for passengers waiting to board their ship. The terminal also provides photo opportunities for passengers. Boarding will be via passenger bridges, one of which will come into operation simultaneously with the inauguration of the terminal.

A unique feature of the terminal will be a small museum space housing Roman and Etruscan artefacts loaned by the Harbour Master of the Port of Civitavecchia and the Superintendent for Fine Arts and Culture for Roma Metropolitana, Viterbo and Southern Etruria region as a standing testimony of Civitavecchia's historical status as the Port of Rome and the rich history of the Lazio region.

As part of the terminal building project, Roma Cruise Terminal embarked on upgrading the quay's ship reception facilities on with the installation of LAN

connection columns, a new 250 ton bollard, terminal lighting as well as and upgrade of the fenders and guard rooms.

Over 50 companies were engaged in the construction of Terminal Amerigo Vespucci, 20 of which were from Civitavecchia, another example of the cruise sector's contribution to the economy of Civitavecchia, Lazio and Italy. The cruise activity is estimated to generate each year around Euro 91 million in direct revenue and expenditure to the economy of Civitavecchia and an economic contribution of around Euro 400 million to the Lazio region. Cruise activity in Civitavecchia supports around 1,700 jobs.

The board of Roma Cruise Terminal chose to name the new terminal Amerigo Vespucci, the Italian explorer as a testimony of Italy's links with the world as experienced daily in the port of Civitavecchia with the ever increasing number of cruise ships which chose it as a port of call.

John Portelli, General Manager of Roma Cruise Terminal stated that "since 2007, when Roma Cruise Terminal commenced its activity, around 23 million cruise passengers passed through the port of Civitavecchia. It is small wonder that over the years, cruise activity has evolved into one if not the primary activity in the port of Civitavecchia. In this respect, Terminal Amerigo Vespucci is further testament to the shareholders' contribution to the growth of the city and port of Civitavecchia and the Lazio region".

Terminal Amerigo Vespucci was designed by Studio Vicini Architetti.

### **About Roma Cruise Terminal**

Roma Cruise Terminal Srl is jointly owned by Costa, MSC and Royal Caribbean Cruises. Roma Cruise Terminal has been responsible for cruise operations in the port of Civitavecchia since 2007. This year, Roma Cruise Terminal is expected to handle around 2.4 million passengers and more than 700 cruise ships.

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