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**Press release**

A new shipping service to Iran:

**The Iranian shipping company HDASCO (IRISL group) comes back to Le Havre**

**Starting February 2017, HDASCO Line provides a new commercial offer between HAROPA – Port of Le Havre and many Iranian and Iraqi ports.**

HDASCO Line (Hafez Darya Arya Shipping Company), also named HDS lines, is the Iranian national shipping company specialized in container transport and a subsidiary of IRISL Group (Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines).

This new service offers very competitive transit times: 19 days between Le Havre and Bandar Abbas for example. It will call at the following ports: Bandar Abbas, Asaluyeh, Bandar Iman, Khomeini, Busher and Khorramsharh in Iran and the port of Um Qasr in Iraq. The service will also call ports of: Malta/Khor Fakkam/Jebel Ali/Xingang/Busan/Qingdao/Shanghai/Ningbo/Yantian/Port Kelang. Le Havre calls are every Tuesday at the Terminal de France (TDF) and handled by the Générale de Manutention Portuaire (GMP).

*“HDASCO Line is a well-known shipping line at the port of Le Havre, says Hervé CORNEDE - HAROPA Commercial and Marketing Director: before the embargo, the Iranian containerships called at Le Havre every week between 2006 and 2009, connecting the main Iranian ports”.*

According to Jean-Marc PELTIER – Liner Department Manager, Worms Services Maritimes Agency - Le Havre:

*“This is a great opportunity offered to the French importers and exporters who wish to develop their trade with Iran. This country, which has around 80 million inhabitants, is a high-potential market, especially regarding the sectors of chemistry, agri-food (flour, milk, etc.) cosmetics, electrical appliances, retail and of course automotive trade as well as Oil & Gas industry. While world trade with traditional Asian partners is slowing down, promising perspectives with the Iranian market are most welcome.”*

It's worth noting that Worms Services Maritimes, HDASCO Line agent for France, is offering 20' and 40' dry containers.

The agent also provides a conventional service from Northern Europe to the Persian Gulf on inducement.

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