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### **Gib Captain of the Port attends 'Posidonia 2014' conference in Athens**

A delegation from the Gibraltar Port Authority led by Chief Executive Officer and Captain of the Port, Commodore Bob Sanguinetti is currently in Athens attending Posidonia 2014, the maritime industry's global showcase that is held every two years in the Greek capital.

The prestigious international exhibition thought to be the world's premier shipping event, brings together over 19,000 executives, some 1,870 exhibitors and delegates from 93 countries, who are expected to visit the Athens Metropolitan Expo venue during the five-day conference.

As in previous years, the Gibraltar Port Authority will be hosting a stand alongside three main local sponsors, Gibdock, Gibunco and Vemaoil. Two other local port operators, Aegean and Astralship, will also be displaying their brochures. During the course of the conference, shipping experts will be debating emerging trends in the industry with industry analysts, bankers and financiers, during a series of roundtable discussions and workshops on issues ranging from future trends in vessel design, fuel emissions and bridge technology, to maritime risk management and maritime communication.

Minister for Tourism, Commercial Affairs, Public Transport and the Port Neil Costa MP, said that the Government was continuing its aggressive, high profile campaign to market Gibraltar as the port of choice and excellence in the Western Mediterranean region.

Mr Costa said: "We are delighted to be actively participating at Posidonia once again. This is a major international platform from where we can promote the full range of excellent port related services and products that Gibraltar offers the global maritime industry. The port is a vital element of our economic prosperity and we are working hard to keep it at the forefront by attending events such as these."

Posidonia also attracts an impressive number of operators from a wide variety of backgrounds and sectors thus reinforcing its growing global appeal and the diversity of its offering. These include pollution control specialists, ship chandlers, yacht brokers, shipbuilding and repair specialists and bunker/ lubricant companies from Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The world's top 20 classification societies are also represented including DNV GL, the recently merged German-Norwegian outfit and Lloyd's Register.

Posidonia 2014 was inaugurated by Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras during an opening ceremony attended by numerous foreign ministers and state representatives of participating countries.