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## Gib Port delegation attends Platts Mediterranean Bunker seminar

The Gibraltar Port Authority's aggressive international marketing strategy to promote the Rock as a maritime centre of excellence has continued with the participation by Captain of the Port Commodore Bob Sanguinetti in the Mediterranean Bunker Conference recently organised by the global petrochemical giant Platts, in Barcelona.

It follows on from the highly successful marketing trip to Hong Kong last week which the then Minister for Tourism, Commercial Affairs Public Transport and the Port Neil Costa MP is confident will serve as a valuable platform to attract new business from Far Eastern shipping companies operating in the Mediterranean.

Commodore Sanguinetti led a team which included the local Bunkering Superintendent for the Gibraltar Port Authority John Ghio, and several local private sector shipping companies. Mr Ghio also delivered a presentation to a gathering of industry executives.

Mr Sanguinetti said: "Our presence at these conferences is fundamental in order to reinforce our importance in the bunkering world. Furthermore, by attending these events with local operators, we can convey the uniqueness of Gibraltar, and in particular showcase the close working relationships between the GPA and the private sector, one of our greatest strengths. The Gibraltar Port Authority is continuing its ambitious international marketing campaign and is working on several fronts to consolidate the Rock's expansion in the shipping industry. Further announcements will be made in due course."