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### **Gibraltar Port Authority Attends the 6<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Bunker Fuel Conference**

The Gibraltar Port Authority recently attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Bunker Fuel conference in Athens. This conference brought together over 150 of the region's leading bunker fuel suppliers, traders, brokers, refiners, ship operators, owners, and other marine fuel industry organizations to discuss the changing landscape of the Mediterranean heading towards 2020. John Ghio, Deputy Captain of the Port (Acting) took part in one of the key panel discussions with other regional representatives focusing on topics such as Flag state fuel verification programmes, storage developments, sulphur waste management and how development plans were progressing in different ports in the Mediterranean.

Manuel Tirado, CEO and Captain of the Port (Acting) commented that he was delighted that John Ghio had been asked to take part in such a high profile event, representing the Port of Gibraltar - this underlined Gibraltar Port's status as one of the key hubs in the European / global bunkering industry and provided an excellent platform to continue raising the Port of Gibraltar's profile.

Manuel Tirado, CEO and Captain of the Port (Acting) also attended the conference and took the opportunity to visit the head offices of two of the Port's main bunker operators in Athens to discuss current and future development opportunities in the Port.