



Mols Linien sell modern RoPax ferries to FRS Group

The FRS Group successfully operates fast ferries between Spain and Morocco in the Strait of Gibraltar since year 2000. Recently cargo service has been added successfully to the existing activities.

This week the FRS Group has taken over two state of the art RoPax ferries from the Danish shipping company Mols Linien. The first of the two vessels will be prepared for its new service over the next couple of months in a yard.

The second vessel is going to be delivered to FRS after ending its service in Denmark at the end of 2011 and is scheduled to enter into new operation for FRS in 2012. Both vessels each have a capacity of more than 700 passengers, 300 cars or 60 cargo units.

The cost of FRS projects represents 45 million EUR and include an enhancement of the already advanced safety installations and travel comfort, but foremost an innovative, newly designed ramp concept making the vessels capable of entering into service in almost all ports of Europe and the Mediterranean countries.

The first vessel will sail for FRS in the existing routes in the Strait of Gibraltar. Their services are characterised by high quality and safety standards and the group has shown the flexibility and capability to adapt to the changed demands in the still crisis ridden southern region of Spain.

FRS main route, from Tarifa in Spain to Tangiers in Morocco, is the shortest and fastest connection between the two continents and is serviced by fast ferries bridging the two in only 35 min. The additional routes operated by FRS are Algeciras to Ceuta and Algeciras to Tanger Med, both serviced with high frequency by respectively conventional and fast ferries.

The modern concepts of FRS have boosted them into market leadership in passenger and car traffic to and from Morocco. FRS transport services are combined with various touristic offers to the prosperous northern region of Morocco.

FRS carries more than 5,4 million passengers and 1,3 million vehicles on their various routes in Germany, Denmark, Spain, Morocco and as a service provider in Oman. The new ferries are going to support the plans of further expansion.