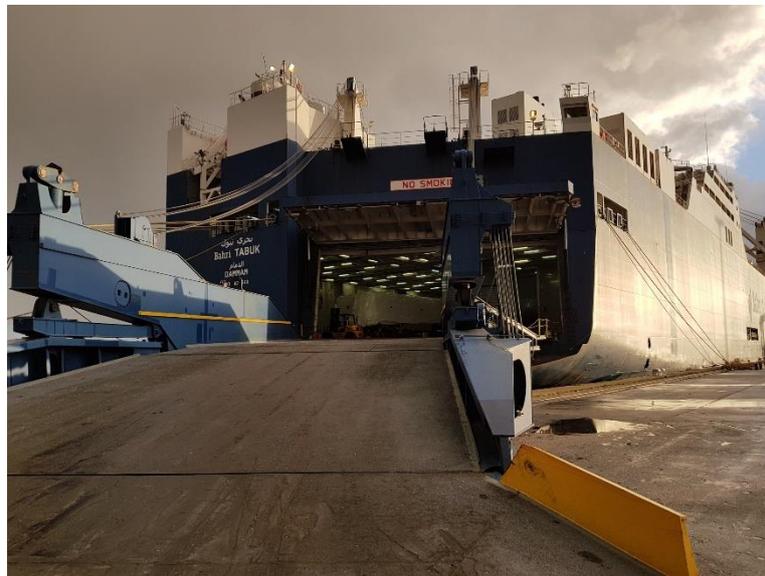


Press release

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## New Saudi shipping line calls at Le Havre

Since the beginning of the year, HAROPA - Port of Le Havre has been berthing the Saudi Arabian national shipping line with a ro-ro service for containers, as well as conventional and heavy-lift cargo. This new bimonthly service, which now links HAROPA to the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf, reinforces HAROPA's position among the major European industrial and port complexes.



Six ships have been deployed as part of this service. Among them, the *Bahri Tabuk*, which opened the new sea link to the ro-ro terminal in Le Havre at the beginning of the year. The *Bahri Jazan* which called in Le Havre on Monday 18 June was the ship's 3<sup>rd</sup> port call to France in the year.

These 225m-long vessels are equipped with an access ramp with a capacity of 250 tonnes and two cranes each lifting 120 tonnes.

The ships carry various export goods such as new vehicles, construction machinery and electric power generators, as well as railway and miscellaneous construction equipment.

The main ports of call directly affected by Bahri's North Europe service are:

- Bremerhaven,
- Antwerp,
- Tilbury,
- Bilbao,
- Porto Marghera,
- Alexandria,
- Jeddah,
- Jebel Ali,
- Dammam.

And, depending on the goods transported:

- Djibouti,
- Sohar,
- Abu Dhabi,
- And other ports either direct or by transshipment.

In doing so, Bahri have demonstrated their intention to maintain their presence on the French market by choosing the port of Le Havre as a bridgehead.

**For Hervé Martel, CEO of the port of Le Havre and vice-president of HAROPA,** *"this new service underlines HAROPA's aim to develop a range of quality services for each market sector, thus reinforcing the ports of the Seine corridor in the supply chains of the leading shipping lines worldwide".*

In Le Havre, Bahri are represented by Shipping Agency Service, a subsidiary of the Naxco group.

#### **About HAROPA**

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**About Bahri:** [www.bahri.sa](http://www.bahri.sa)

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