

## Second Vessel from UN Ro-Ro... Perşembe Rotası, 19.10.2009

According to information given, the numbers of Ro-Ro vessels between Mersin and Trieste Port of Italy increased to the second vessel.



The CEO of UN Ro-Ro Associations called Cüneyt Solakoglu came to Mersin in order to attend the "Solidarity Sector Meetings". Cüneyt Solakoglu stated in this meeting that the demands of the calls of Ro-Ro vessels are constantly increasing. During this period of crisis, Ro-Ro vessel line between Mersin and Trieste Port of Italy has been started by us. Moreover, we said that: The numbers of this vessel will increase before." The Ro-Ro line added power to the potential of

Mersin. Furthermore, we started moving approximately 65 trailers, then, this increased and reached to 80, 90, 100 trailers. Last month, the average trailer number has been increased to 133. These numbers are far to make profit for our company because our average capacity is 200 trailers. However, this loss is the investment for us.

Moreover, Cüneyt Solakoglu gave importance to the **fuel without customs. Fuel without customs should be also in Mersin for the continuity of Ro-Ro vessels.** However, procedure about this issue is not fast. Therefore, both we and forwarding firms have some problems due to this. Furthermore, **if this is realized, the 3<sup>rd</sup> vessel also can be put into service.** We hope that although fuel without customs is come into effect, the transportation firms in this region show the positive reaction.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> vessel started on October 7 and will provide advantages to both transporters and exporters. This 2<sup>nd</sup> Ro-Ro vessel started calling on Saturdays.