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**Subject: No partnership relations within the Port of Taranto between YILPORT Holding A.Ş. ("YILPORT") and/or its affiliate San Cataldo Terminal Containers S.p.A ("SCCT") with China Ocean Shipping Company ("Cosco")**


It has been brought to attention of YILPORT that various national newspapers published articles which allegedly cites that there is a so-called partnership between YILPORT and Cosco. YILPORT wishes to inform the general public and the concerned public authorities that the aforesaid articles are misleading and untrue.

YILPORT wishes to once again state and confirm that YILPORT does not hold any share in Cosco and that Cosco does not hold any share in YILPORT, YILPORT's subsidiaries and/or affiliated companies. There is no economic and/or strategic relationship between YILPORT and Cosco regarding the Port of Taranto. YILPORT is a global terminal operator controlled solely by Yildirim family.

SSCT, the Italian subsidiary of YILPORT, has signed a forty-nine-years concession with Port Network Authority of the Ionian Sea (PNAIS) to manage the "Multipurpose Pier" at the Port of Taranto, which includes 1800 linear meters of quay starting from the head of the Multipurpose Pier and back area for a total surface area of approximately 1,000,000 square meters. We would like to reiterate that YILPORT's and SSCT's commitment to Port of Taranto remains firm.

By issuing this public statement, YILPORT intends to warn the press to refrain from publishing groundless claims and misleading information. "In case of failure, YILPORT will continue to explore the legal remedies that it is entitled to under the applicable laws to protect its own position".

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