

## **Ekol has activated Turkey's 63rd Sea Border Gate, the Yalova Ro-Ro Terminal**

A source of inspiration through innovation for the industry, Ekol has commissioned the **Yalova Ro-Ro Terminal**.

After two-years of legal process and construction work, the Terminal now helps companies that import/ export to Turkey or use it as a hub for other destination for example Middle East.

It had an initial investment of €40 million. Beginning with an export trip, the Terminal accepted its first vehicles on October 3rd and the first Ro-Ro trip commenced on Wednesday, October 4. **Alternative Transport's** Ro-Ro vessel, **QEZBAN**, has already set out for Trieste/Italy. The official Opening Ceremony of Yalova Ro-Ro Terminal will take place in the days ahead.

Constructed in Yalova Topçular with an 80,000 square-meter floor area and 500 trailer capacity, **Yalova Ro-Ro Terminal** has a dock with 2 ramps, X-Ray, a customs office, a laboratory, agency offices, social facilities for drivers, a short-term storage area of 16,000 square meters and an ADR warehouse.

Carcinogenic materials will be tested in the laboratories at Yalova Ro-Ro Terminal, paving the way for exporting textile and leather products, shoes, stationary and toys. The department that will analyze the food items for import and export will be operational by the end of the year. As of November, vehicles destined for export will use the gasoline station without paying Special Consumption Tax.

**Yalova Ro-Ro Terminal** keeping more than 100,000 trailers out of Istanbul traffic will put an end to high vehicle density in Haydarpaşa and also provide traffic relief in the Harem-Üsküdar direction on the Anatolian Side. The Terminal will also end operational inefficiencies caused by time wasted in urban traffic. Until now, **Ekol** has carried out its foreign operations from Haydarpaşa Port. From now on, it will continue from **Yalova Ro-Ro Terminal**.

On the opening of the most modern terminal in Turkey and in Europe, **Yalova Ro-Ro Terminal**, **Ekol's Chairman Ahmet Musul** said: *"This investment was made in the most logistically relevant region of Turkey and will support the efforts of all our exporters, especially the automotive industry. Our investments have contributed to the development of both our company and the industry as a whole; this will soon help us produce much better solutions based on quality and profit. As a leader and role model company well in front of its competitors both in Turkey and in our region, we will move ahead at full speed."*

**Yalova Ro-Ro Terminal** will improve efficiency by helping producers and carriers save both time and money. The new terminal will also contribute significantly to environmental protection. With a



reduction on road transportation time, Ekol will save 1.5 million liters of diesel and 4 million kilometers of road travel, while reducing our carbon dioxide emission by 3.7 million kilograms and hazardous waste by 12,000 kilograms.

**About Ekol:** Ekol, an integrated logistics company founded in 1990, provides best-in-class international freight, warehousing, domestic distribution, foreign trade, customs, and supply chain management services in **15 countries**.

Ekol's business model is bolstered by technological inspiration which blends **mind, heart** and **consciousness** while constantly offering customers **integrated, interconnected** and **innovative** solutions. Ekol is always one step ahead and it never settles for good enough. This boosts our customers' accomplishments and creates environmental, financial, and social benefits. Ekol is one of Europe's major logistics providers, boasting distribution centers with **1,000,000** square meters of total indoor space in Turkey, **Germany**, Italy, **Greece**, France, **Ukraine**, Bosnia-Herzegovina, **Romania**, Hungary, **Spain**, Poland, **Czechia**, Bulgaria, **Iran** and Slovenia in addition to allowing for Intermodal transportation with the utilization of its **6 Ro-Ro** vessels, **48** block **trains** per week and **5,500** vehicles. In fulfilling its promises, Ekol derives greatest strength from its workforce and its powerful distribution network. A **multinational team** of more than **6,500** staff members - wholly dedicated to delivering impeccable customer satisfaction - plays a vital role in Ekol's success story. More information: Bogna Blasiak, Corporate Communication Manager, Europe, bogna.blasiak@ekol.com , phone 0048 663 298 004