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PRESENTATION

The Port of Huelva has ended the financial year 2024 with a total traffic volume of more than 31.1 million tonnes, a figure that endorses the growth path.

Characterised as a bulk port, in recent years the Port of Huelva has experienced a significant increase in general cargo traffic through Muelle Sur with the start-up of new regular lines. This trend is manifest in the rise in the volume of goods, exceeding 1.7 million tonnes, equivalent to an increase of 19% in 2024.

This commitment to consolidating logistics and intermodal developments is in response to one of the strategic

lines of the 2023-2030 Strategic Plan of the Port of Huelva with a vision to 2050. It is added to the priority to become an energy and industrial cluster for promoting clean fuels, taking advantage of its experience as the first industrial enclave in the Iberian Peninsula.

The Port of Huelva is preparing to host more than a dozen hydrogen and clean energy projects. These projects are due to be launched in the coming years in Huelva, using different measures, with land in the public domain area being put to good use for the development of industrial projects linked to the new fuels. New public infrastructures are also being promoted, including the future quay

for bulk liquids, as well as the fitting out of the canal for associated traffic, in order to facilitate the export of these new fuels. A study for the development of new bunker services related to new fuels serves to complement these measures.

In this context, the movement of bulk liquids, in which the Port of Huelva is a reference in Southern Europe, continues its upward trend, with an annual volume of more than 23.8 million tonnes, an increase of 5%.

As a sustainable port, in the environmental sphere, the Port has achieved a significant international award, 'Working with Nature', granted by the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC). This award, for the project 'Habitat recovery, beneficial use of dredging and bio-tools' has rewarded the management model for the dredging of the Port of Huelva for its provision of environmental benefits to the local environment.

In its strategic objective to strengthen its commitment to people and society, the Port continues to support, through the Port-City Call, the work of different groups, which carry out social, cultural-educational and sporting projects.

Likewise, in its desire to advance in port-city integration, the Port of Huelva is developing different projects aimed at recovering its historical and cultural heritage for the benefit of the city. These include the renovation of the Muelle de Tharsis, the recovery of the surroundings of the Columbus Monument, and the imminent union of the Muelle de la Compañía Río Tinto

Another definitive milestone in bringing the Port closer to the city is the remodelling of the Muelle de Levante. In this area, progress has been made in the demolition of obsolete buildings in this area and in the opening of the northern dock of the Odiel Marina.