

New Managing Director for AML Appointed

Rachid Houari has been appointed to lead ferry operations in the Strait of Gibraltar as the new Directeur Général (Managing Director) for African Morocco Link (AML).

Rachid has done his Bsc in shipping operations in Southampton, his MBA at ENPC Paris, and has more than 25 years of maritime experience in ferry, RoRo, and port operations in the shipping sector between Morocco and Spain.

Most recently, he held the position of Managing Director for three logistics zones companies within the Tangier Med Group, where he previously also had responsibilities for both port and ferry operations.

As Managing Director for AML in Morocco, Rachid will be responsible for managing the two freight and travel routes between Tanger Med and Algeciras, as well as the highspeed route between Tanger Ville and Tarifa.

Rachid succeeds Ian Hampton, who has served as interim Managing Director for AML since May last year. After an intensive and successful takeover of the operation in AML, Ian will now move back to the UK and focus to 100 percent on Anglesey Land Holding.

In April 2024, Swedish ferry company, Stena Line, acquired 49 percent of the shares in the Morocco-based ferry company AML, taking a historic step in expanding Stena Line's operations beyond Europe.

"It is an honor and truly an exciting challenge for me to take on the role of Managing Director for AML. I will do my utmost to develop the business in this expansive region, where I see great opportunities for the company moving forward, as well as for Morocco's trade with Europe", says Rachid Houari.

"I am very pleased to welcome Rachid into the Stena Line sphere and am convinced that, with his extensive and broad experience in running operations in the Strait of Gibraltar, he will succeed in this role. At the same time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Hampton for his efforts in leading the business during its first year," says Niclas Mårtensson, CEO of Stena Line.

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