

## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

**Vigo, 03-13-2020.-** In light of the evolution generated by COVID-19 expansion worldwide and the Spanish Government security measures implemented, Navalia, the International Shipbuilding Exhibition Management has decided to POSTPONE the eighth edition of the event, scheduled for next May, and transfer its celebration to October 27, 28 and 29.

The Board of Directors for Muéstralo, the event's organizing company, considers it is essential to guarantee exhibitors and visitors health, as well as contributing to the virus restraint. These two premises must be above any event celebration.

We can assure you the measure has been rigorously analysed by the organization, after evaluating several options and considering possible future international restrictions that may affect, mainly, airports and / or borders closure and people mobility in general. We would like to inform you that, to make this decision, most Navalia Executive Committee members have been consulted, all of them highly knowledgeable in the shipbuilding sector, in order to offer you the best solution.

This postponement means for the organizers a setback difficult to foresee in a normal situation and with no precedent in the modern era. We understand some exhibitors may find some inconveniences in the date change, and we ask for your understanding and patience in the coming days to be able to solve adaptation to the new situation problems.

We wish to think the measures governments are taking, as well as citizens social responsibility will be effective and capable of mitigating this pandemic. Additionally, we think this

global break with multiple economic and social consequences will make many companies have to gather momentum once it is over. That is why we believe it is convenient to offer them a minimum of six months so that they can organize themselves. We expect to rely on your support.

The International Shipbuilding Exhibition, Navalia, was born with a firm commitment to the sector, and since its first edition it has not stopped growing. We have attempted to go forward in each edition and decisions made throughout these years, such as the one concerns us now, have been for the good of a sector we love and for which we have fought since our inception.

For all these reasons we will be happy to assist you any time to solve all the doubts and inconveniences may arise and we appeal again to your understanding in the coming days to give you the best answer. Our staff will contact each exhibitor in the coming days.

We reiterate our sincere thanks for your support, and we wish to have all of you at NAVALIA 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JAVIER', written over a circular scribble.

Javier Arnau, CEO Navalia