



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **JCRA PUBLISHES CAR FERRY REPORT**

At the request of the Harbours and Airport Committee, Jersey Transport Authority and Industries Committee, the JCRA is pleased to announce the publication of its report into the “Competition Effects into the Car Ferry Services Market Serving the Island of Jersey”.

The publication of the report coincides with the publication by the Harbours and Airport Committee in the Jersey Gazette of an application by Condor Ferries to operate a car ferry service between Jersey and St Malo.

Charles Latham, Executive Director of the JCRA stated that “the important thing is for the travelling public to have a high standard of travel at an affordable price”.

Mr Latham added that “the JCRA is of the view that the presumption should be in favour of competition. It is for the incumbent operators, both north and south, to present compelling evidence to defend the status quo of protected routes. It should therefore be up to the operators to justify their actions”.

Copies of the report are available on the JCRA website ([www.jcra.je/research/reports.html](http://www.jcra.je/research/reports.html)).

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### Notes to Editors

1) The report was a scoping study and not a full report, the Terms of Reference for which were to discover the background to competition in the car ferry market by identifying:

- the sorts of investigation that have been undertaken elsewhere;
- the likely competitive problems;
- the extent of the relevant market (e.g. whether car ferries or whether the wider freight market); and
- the sorts of question that a fully-fledged competition authority would pose if it were armed with investigatory powers.

2) Emeraude Lines provide a full car ferry service from Jersey to St Malo. Condor Ferries currently holds a ramp licence which permits the carriage of freight to and from St Malo but not the carriage of cars with their drivers and passengers direct from Jersey.