



### **Philatelic Postage Stamp issue - Aqueducts**

On 21 April 2015, MaltaPost will issue a philatelic set of two stamps to commemorate the 400th anniversary from the construction of the Wignacourt Aqueduct.

The stamps, which are the third issue in the 'Treasures of Malta Series', illustrate different features of the Wignacourt Aqueduct. The Wignacourt Arch which was located in Fleur-de-Lys features on the €0.42 stamp while the Wignacourt Water Tower located in Floriana is illustrated on the €1.55 stamp.

Aqueducts were constructed in the past to convey water from one location to another. In Malta the stone arches were built to carry water from Rabat through Birkirkara, and the area that later became known as Fleur-de-Lys and Santa Venera. At Santa Venera, the arches ended at a tower from which point water continued its journey through Ħamrun, Blata I-Bajda and Floriana where it reached the Wignacourt water tower. The water then found its way to Valletta through underground pipes.

The stamps were designed by Cedric Galea Pirotta and will be issued in sheets of 10 stamps. Each stamp measures 44mm x 31mm, with a perforation of 13.9 x 14.0 (comb.) bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark. The sheet measures 186mm x 119mm. Printex Limited printed the set in the process and the issue consists of 72,000 of the €0.42 stamp and 32,000 of the €1.55 stamp.

This philatelic issue will be available from all Post Offices in Malta and Gozo as from Tuesday 21 April 2015. Orders may be placed online at [www.maltaphilately.com](http://www.maltaphilately.com) or by mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Qormi Road, Marsa, MTP 1001; Telephone:2596 1740, e-mail: [info@maltaphilately.com](mailto:info@maltaphilately.com).

## **Ħarġa Filatelika ta' bolli tal-pustagg - Aqueducts**

Fil-21 t'April 2015, MaltaPost se toħroġ sett ta' żewġ bolli li jikkommemoraw l-400 anniversarju mill-bini ta' l-Akwadott ta' Wignacourt.

Il-bolli li huma t-tielet ħarġa fis-sensiela 'Treasures of Malta' juru aspetti differenti tal-Akwadott ta' Wignacourt. Il-bolla tal-€0.42 turi l-Arkata ta' Wignacourt li kienet tinsab fi Fleur-de-Lys filwaqt li l-Għajn ta' Wignacourt li tinsab fi Floriana tidher fil-bolla tal-€1.55

L-Akwadotti kienu ġew mibnija fi żmien il-kavallieri biex jingarr l-ilma minn post għall-ieħor. L-arkati tal-ġebel kienu inbnew f' Malta biex jingarr l-ilma mir-Rabat, jgħaddi minn Birkirkara, u mill-post li llum huwa magħruf bħala Fleur-De-Lys u Santa Venera. F' Santa Venera, l-arkati kienu jieqfu f'torri fejn imbgħad l-ilma kien ikompli għaddej minn nofs il-Ħamrun, il-Blata l-Bajda u l-Furjana fejn kien jilħaq it-torri tal-ilma Wignacourt. L-ilma imbgħad kien jgħaddi għal-Belt Valletta permezz ta' pajpijiet taħt l-art.

Il-bolli ġew iddisinjati minn Cedric Galea Pirotta u se jinħarġu f'folji t'għaxar bolli. Id-daqs ta' kull bolla hu 44mm x 31mm, b' perforazzjoni ta' 13.9 x 14.0 (comb.) filwaqt li d-daqs tal-folja huwa dak ta' 186mm x 119mm. Il-bolli ġew stampati b'watermark tas-Salib ta' Malta u Printex Limited ipproduċa dan is-sett b'metodu offset. Il-ħarġa tikkonnsisti f'72,000 bolla tal-€0.42 stamp u 32,000 tal-bolla tal-€1.55.

Din il-ħarġa filatelika se tkun għall-bejgħ minn nhar it-Tlieta 21 t'April 2015 mill-Ferġat Postali kollha. Ordnijiet jistgħu jsiru online fuq [www.maltaphilately.com](http://www.maltaphilately.com) jew bil-posta mill-Bureau Filateliku, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Ħal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001 - Telephone 2596 1740 - e-mail: [info@maltaphilately.com](mailto:info@maltaphilately.com)

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