

NON-CONTAINERISED CARGO SHOWS STEADY INCREASE AT JEBEL ALI PORT

DP World flagship prepares to handle surge in Expo-related project cargo

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 18 December 2018:- The throughput of non-containerised cargo such as breakbulk, bulk and project cargo has experienced a steady upward movement at global trade enabler DP World's flagship Jebel Ali Port, underscoring the port's diversified capabilities.

DP World UAE Region, which operates Jebel Ali Port, said that its teams are well prepared to meet the expected increase in demand for breakbulk and project cargo handling services in the run up to Expo 2020 Dubai.

DP World UAE Region, saw a wide range of imports – from the gigantic domed steel trellis that will adorn the centerpiece at Expo 2020 Dubai venue to luxury yachts and rising quantities of bulk and breakbulk cargo.

The trellis, weighing 2,265 tonnes and with an enclosed space of 724,000 cubic metres when fully assembled, was shipped to Jebel Ali Port from Italy and moved to the Expo venue by road.

DP World is the Premier Global Trade Partner of Expo 2020 Dubai, directly responsible for ensuring all Expo related cargo brought into Dubai is handled in a safe and timely manner.

During the five-year period from 2013 to 2017, Jebel Ali Port registered an annualized average throughput of 4.8 million metric tonnes (MT) of breakbulk and 4.1 million MT of bulk.

Mohammed Al Muallem, DP World's Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, UAE Region, said:

"Non-containerised cargo is an important part of DP World's business, accounting for nearly a quarter of our total volumes and bringing commercial value to everything we do in Jebel Ali. The demand for handling breakbulk and special project cargo is expected to rise sharply in the months ahead in view of Expo 2020 Dubai and as a Premier Global Trade Partner of the event DP World UAE Region is working to ensure that Jebel Ali Port is ready to fulfill its role as the premier gateway for Expo-bound cargo.

"Establishing and sustaining a robust supply chain is vital to achieving this goal as envisioned by HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. DP World will continue to innovate and develop trade solutions to add value to our partners and enable greater trade for all."

The International Shipping Centre Development Index (ISCD) recently selected Dubai as one of the world's top five maritime centres, enhancing the UAE's status as a global player.

DP World UAE Region's non-container capacity and innovative capabilities will be showcased at Breakbulk Middle East 2019 to be held in Dubai next February. Hosted by DP World, UAE Region, will bring together the region's leading shippers and project cargo professionals.

The DP World flagship facility is the premier gateway for over 80 weekly services connecting more than 140 ports worldwide, it has been voted "Best Seaport in the Middle East" for over two decades consecutively and is ranked the 10th largest container port worldwide. It has the world's largest man-made harbour.

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DP World, UAE Region is part of DP World – the leading enabler of global trade. The DP World, UAE Region portfolio includes Jebel Ali Port, Mina Rashid Cruise Terminal and Coastal Berth, Mina Al Hamriya in Dubai city and three Zones: Jebel Ali Free Zone “Jafza”, National industries Park “NIP” and Dubai Auto Zone “DAZ”, Dubai trade & World Security.

DP World, UAE Region operates Jebel Ali Port – our poly-functional flagship facility. Jebel Ali Port is the largest seaport in the Middle East and a premier gateway for over 90 weekly services connecting more than 140 ports worldwide. Jebel Ali port has been voted “Best Seaport in the Middle East” for 24 consecutive years and is ranked amongst the largest container ports worldwide. It has the world’s largest man-made harbour.

Jebel Ali Free Zone (Jafza) is one of the world’s leading free trade zones, home to over 7,500 multinational companies. Jafza accounts for almost 32% of total FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) flow into the country and it sustains the employment of more than 150,000 people in the United Arab Emirates. In 2017, Jafza generated trade worth USD 83.1 billion.

Jebel Ali Port & Freezone are strategically located at the crossroads of a region providing market access to over 2.5 billion people. As an integrated multi-modal hub it offers sea, air and land connectivity, complemented by extensive logistics facilities. Jebel Ali Port & free zone contributes 21% of Dubai’s GDP on a yearly basis.

DP World, UAE Region plays a vital role in the economy of Dubai and the UAE. We aim to be essential to the bright future of regional trade, by setting the standard for technological and logistical capabilities.

By thinking ahead, foreseeing change and innovating we aim to create the most productive, efficient and safe trade solutions for our customers. For further information, please visit our website: www.dpworld.ae