



DP WORLD WELCOMES UAE MULTIPLE ENTRY VISIT VISA AS A POSITIVE MOVE FOR CRUISE TOURISM

**Chairman Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem says initiative will support the growth of
Dubai and the UAE**

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 08 November 2012:- DP World Chairman HE Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem today welcomed the introduction of multiple entry UAE visit visas, saying it will enhance the growth of cruise tourism at Mina Rashid in Dubai and support the country's long-term strategy to stimulate growth and development in the traditionally strong tourism sector.

The UAE government issued ministerial decree No. 418 of 2012 yesterday allowing multiple entry visit visas to the UAE for the first time. Those eligible for the multiple entry visas include businessmen, property investors and tourists on board cruise ships who will be eligible for multiple entry as their schedule includes entering the country more than once.

HE Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem said:

"This is a very positive move that will make a tangible difference to the cruise industry in Dubai and in the UAE and therefore to economic growth. We thank the Government of the UAE, including the Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and Lt. General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, for this initiative."

Mohammed Al Muallem, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, DP World, UAE Region said:

"Multiple-entry visit visas for cruise tourists will smooth the way for the cruise lines and their passengers and allow Dubai and the UAE to compete more effectively with other cruise destinations. We look forward to welcoming more cruise ships at Mina Rashid in Dubai, as we expand capacity there, reinforcing Mina Rashid's position as the premier regional cruise terminal."

DP World is expanding Mina Rashid's capacity to continue its leading position as the largest cruise centre in the Middle East, and to cater for as many as five cruise ships at one time.

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