



## PORT RASHID RESUMES PASSENGER FERRY SERVICES TO REGIONAL DESTINATIONS

### Hormuz-12 is First Vessel to Arrive at Upgraded Terminal

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, August 13, 2012:-** The highly popular sea-borne passenger connections between Dubai and port cities across the Gulf region have resumed at the newly upgraded and refurbished Port Rashid Passenger Terminal, operated by DP World.

The ferry *Hormuz-12* arrived this week carrying 190 passengers from the Port of Bandar Lengeh in Iran, and was accorded a warm welcome at the dedicated terminal by senior DP World officials led by Mohammed Al Muallem, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, DP World, UAE Region, Mohammed Ali Ahmed, Chief Operating Officer, DP World, UAE Region and Mohammed Al Mannaai, Director – Port Rashid.

The vessel later departed on its return voyage with 250 passengers on board.

The newly refurbished Port Rashid Passenger Terminal is equipped with up to date facilities to efficiently manage passenger arrivals and departures, including new luggage belts and departure and arrival gates. The terminal also works closely with relevant authorities such as Dubai Police, General Directorate Dubai Residency and Foreign Affairs and Dubai Customs to smoothly handle the necessary inspections and other formalities.

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

“For 40 years, Port Rashid has played a central role in connecting Dubai to the region and the rest of the world. Since the transfer of all container vessel operations to Jebel Ali Port four years ago, we have focused on developing Port Rashid as a centre for passengers visiting Dubai. We have developed the largest cruise terminal in the region there, and now we are delighted to once more welcome regional ferry passengers to the Port Rashid Passenger Terminal in the very heart of Dubai.”

**Mohammed Al Mannaai, Director – Port Rashid, DP World, UAE Region,** said:

“Over the past 4 months, we have worked hard in cooperation with government authorities to refurbish and upgrade the Passenger Terminal at Port Rashid. Today we restore Port Rashid’s passenger route connections and bring further life to this maritime sector. The new facilities are designed to provide simplified services to passengers, making arrivals and departures quick and easy. We look forward to seeing more ferry services operating out of Port Rashid.”

The resumption of the ferry services will complement DP World's ongoing plans to expand Port Rashid's capacity to cater for the growing demand of cruise tourism in the region. The award-winning Dubai Cruise Terminal, operated by DP World, has experienced a rapid rise in cruise tourist arrivals, hosting 108 cruise ships with 396,554 tourists in 2011 and 71 vessels with 275,000 tourists during the first half of this year.

In October, the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) will add Port Rashid to its local commuter network, connecting the port to Al Ghubaiba station in Bur Dubai.

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