



## UAE COUNTER-PIRACY CONFERENCE GENERATES FIRST CONCRETE ACTION

DP World signs agreement with FHI and Dimension Data ME to expand network of community centres and training in Africa

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, April 20, 2011:** - The International Counter Piracy Conference, co-convened by the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and global marine terminal operator DP World, has produced its first concrete action with an agreement to roll out healthcare and training in vulnerable communities in East Africa.

The two day conference that ended yesterday (April 19) highlighted that long term on-shore community projects in areas that are prime recruiting grounds for pirates are vital to any comprehensive solution to the problem of maritime piracy.

On the sidelines of the conference, HE Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Chairman, DP World, and Dr Albert Siemens, CEO, Family Health International (FHI), signed a provisional framework agreement to expand a network of community centres or clinics in port communities in East Africa, which includes Ethiopia, Sudan, Djibouti, Kenya and Mozambique. FHI's network receive primary financial support from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Chairman and Dr Siemens also signed a separate agreement with Youssef Fawaz, General Manager, Dimension Data Middle East, for the provision of health education and IT services for the network.

These initiatives are part of the Port Communities Livelihood and Security Initiative (PCLSI) tabled by DP World on the first day of the conference. PCLSI is a collaboration of industry-backed projects addressing critical human and infrastructure needs in and around the perimeter of ports in Africa, Arabia and South East Asia, particularly in areas affected by, or at risk of becoming havens for, piracy.

During the conference DP World committed US\$400,000 to develop PCLSI projects, and also donated \$100,000 to the UN Counter Piracy Trust Fund.

**HE Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Chairman, DP World,** said:

“Amidst the international focus on finding off-shore solutions for the maritime piracy menace, it is essential that we think about long term, on-shore answers to eradicate the root causes of the problem. We believe the agreement signed to expand the network of centres is a tangible step in that direction. DP World is pleased to have found experienced partners in Family Health International and Dimension Data Middle East who will successfully execute the project.”

Under the agreement, FHI, a leading international health and development organisation, will contribute the healthcare expertise, while Dimension Data Middle East will install computer kiosks pre-loaded with interactive healthcare software for the network of community centres/clinics being rolled out in Djibouti, Mozambique and Senegal.

**Dr Albert Siemens, CEO, Family Health International,** said:

“The key to improving the lives of the world’s most vulnerable people lies in generating, sharing and applying knowledge. At FHI we believe this is precisely what we aim to achieve through the PCLSI initiative. We are honoured to be partners with DP World in bringing our long experience and global expertise to help a worthy cause.”

**Youssef Fawaz, General Manager, Dimension Data Middle East,** said:

“Dimension Data represents a modern breed of business that aims to deliver the benefits of technology to communities everywhere. We believe this collaboration led by DP World provides a unique opportunity to demonstrate the beneficial powers of Information Technology at the most basic levels of society. We are privileged to be part of it.”

With new attacks on vessels happening daily, government and industry leaders representing over 50 countries attended the two-day counter piracy conference to seek a common response to what has become a serious threat to the world’s sea-borne commerce.

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