



## UAE AMONG THE MOST DYNAMIC SOCIETIES IN THE WORLD, SAYS SULTAN BIN SULAYEM

DP World celebrates the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of its home base country and plants Union Tree at Jebel Ali Head Office

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 28, 2012:-** DP World today celebrated the 41<sup>st</sup> UAE National Day with cultural and traditional Emirati festivities for its employees, partners, customers and friends. Activities included the ceremonial planting of a tree in response to the suggestion of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister, and Ruler of Dubai, to plant Union Trees across the country.

HE Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Chairman of DP World planted the Union Tree in the courtyard of the global marine operator's Head Office in Jebel Ali in the presence of HE Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah, Vice Chairman, DP World and Group Chief Executive Officer, Port and Free Zone World; Mohammed Sharaf, Group Chief Executive Officer, DP World; Mohammed Al Muallem, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, DP World, UAE Region, and other senior officials.

As part of the celebrations, DP World's ports of Jebel Ali, Mina Rashid and Mina Al Hamriya also marked the country's 41<sup>st</sup> National Day with the distribution of trees to employees as part of the Union Tree initiative.

Hundreds of people, including senior management from DP World, Jafza, Dubai Customs and other organisations, customers, staff members, their families and friends, visited a specially erected festival area at DP World's Head Office.

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

"In the life of nations, 41 years marks us as a young nation. However, if time were to be measured by achievements, then the UAE is well qualified to take its proud place among the most dynamic and forward-looking societies in the world. We take this opportunity to extend on behalf of DP World and its partners our sincere greetings and congratulations to the UAE's leaders, His Highness Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum; and their Highnesses, members of the Supreme Council and Rulers of the emirates."

**HE Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah, Vice Chairman, DP World and Group Chief Executive Officer, Port and Free Zone World:**

"During the past four decades Dubai's ports and free zones have played a leading role in diversifying our economic base and making non-oil trade a major contributor to the nation's economy. DP World is contributing to this nation building effort through the development of a new container terminal at our flagship Jebel Ali Port, which will take the port's total capacity to 19 million TEU (twenty foot equivalent container units) by 2014."

**Mohammed Sharaf, Group Chief Executive Officer, DP World**, said:

“As a global marine operator, DP World flies the UAE’s colours in more than 60 terminals across six continents. We consider ourselves to be the commercial ambassadors of our beloved country. We remain committed to working towards even greater achievements, providing efficient terminal services to customers and contributing to the economic well-being of the country.”

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

“Jebel Ali Port is well positioned as the region’s gateway and leading port. We owe this to the wider national ambition to be the best in whatever we do and the dynamic spirit that drives this nation. On this special anniversary, we are honoured to see Emiratis joined by thousands of our employees of different nationalities in celebrating National Day. This is the UAE at its best.”

The full day celebrations were tailored to showcase 41 years of achievements by the Emirati people through a range of cultural activities. They included the local performing bands Harbiyya, Laywa, Yola and Na’ashat, a typical Bedouin Hadheera or tent, handicrafts and old souq grocery shops.

There was a special performance from the Dubai Police Parade, live traditional games, henna sessions and an opportunity to be photographed with a falcon. Complementing the activities were offerings of qahwa in an old coffee house, local food, as well as a demonstration of how to cook Emirati food.

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