



## **DP WORLD CONTINUES “MOVING LIVES”**

**Dubai, 6 February 2008:** - DP World today moved to help a young boy in the UAE suffering from debilitating rheumatoid arthritis begin a new chapter in his life.

As part of its “Moving Lives” programme, Executive Vice Chairman of the global port operator, Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah, today presented a cheque for AED40,000 to seven-year-old Mazhar Atef and his family through the Emirates Arthritis Foundation to fund treatment of his disease. Mazhar suffers from crippling rheumatoid arthritis which severely impacts his ability to participate in education and normal childhood activities.

Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah, said, ““There are many people of all ages suffering from rheumatoid arthritis (RA) but this particular form of arthritis impacts children especially cruelly. While it is a painful and disabling illness, it can be treated and we are very happy to have the opportunity to make a difference to Mazhar’s life.”

Mr Bin Thaniah said, “Our community programme Moving Lives is about helping people with disabilities become mobile and become involved in education and the community. This donation is an important part of this initiative.”

He added, “DP World is involved in the communities in which we operate around the world, and this is especially true of Dubai, where our roots are and where our flagship terminal, Jebel Ali, is located.”

Emirates Arthritis Foundation Director of Operations, Cathy Leibman said, “We are very happy to receive the support of DP World on behalf of Mazhar and his family. There is much work to be done in addressing RA in the community. To further highlight the issue of RA and raise funds for RA sufferers, a team of four volunteers, three from the USA and one from the UAE, are shortly embarking on a fund raising and awareness trek to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. The team, including 33 year old Leela Alvares, will begin their trek on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February and it will last seven days.”

Leela Alvares commented, “This challenge started as a personal goal - my sister died as a result of rheumatoid arthritis. But the challenge is now something bigger. As a team, we aim to raise ongoing funds which will help all those supported by the Foundation.”

The trek will see the group climb to the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro which is the highest peak in Africa and the highest free standing peak in the world.

Donations can be made to the Emirates Arthritis Foundation by visiting [www.arthritis.ae](http://www.arthritis.ae).

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Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah (right), Executive Vice Chairman, DP World presenting the cheque to seven-year-old Mazhar Atef. Dr. Cathy Leibman (left), Director of Operations, Emirates Arthritis Foundation and Leela Alvares (centre) one of the fund raisers were also present.

## About DP World

DP World is one of the largest marine terminal operators in the world, with 42 terminals and 13 new developments across 27 countries. Its dedicated, experienced and professional team of nearly 30,000 serves customers in some of the most dynamic economies in the world.

DP World aims to enhance customers' supply chain efficiency by providing quality services to effectively manage container, bulk and other terminal cargo. It also provides logistics, infrastructure development and consultancy services where its experience adds significant value for customers.

The company constantly invests in terminal infrastructure, facilities and people, working closely with customers and business partners to provide quality services today and tomorrow, when and where customers need them.

In taking this customer-centric approach, DP World is building on the established relationships and superior level of service demonstrated at its flagship operations in Dubai - Port Rashid and Jebel Ali. Jebel Ali has been voted "Best Seaport in the Middle East" for 13 consecutive years. DP World's international achievements were recognised in 2006, when Lloyd's List's awarded it the prestigious Port Operator of the Year Award.

In 2007, DP World handled more than 43.3 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) across its portfolio from the Americas to Asia – an increase of 18% on 2006. It has global capacity of more than 48 million TEU, which is set to increase significantly in coming years with a committed pipeline of expansion and development projects in key growth markets, including India, China and the Middle East. Capacity will rise to around 90 million TEU by 2017.

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### **About Emirates Arthritis Foundation**

The purpose of the Emirates Arthritis Foundation is to acknowledge the need to increase awareness and education about arthritis in the region. The Emirates Arthritis Foundation (EAF) seeks to raise awareness of arthritis and educating the public, as well as healthcare providers about arthritis.

The Emirates Arthritis Foundation offers a wide variety of educational programs, support services, and health and screening initiatives that address a variety of musculoskeletal needs. The main activities focus on providing education on the prevention and treatment of arthritis, coordinate community programming and provider coordination, and establish an endowment for less privileged people who cannot afford premium level health care services.

For further information on the Arthritis Support Program, call 04-3300444.