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## **HRH Prince Philip Visit to London Gateway Marks Milestone Week for DP World Team**

**United Kingdom, London Gateway, 07 October 2011:-** His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, has made a historic visit to DP World London Gateway during a momentous week for the new port, following the official announcement that the new deep sea container terminal will open in the fourth quarter of 2013.

The Duke was welcomed by Sir John Parker Joint Vice Chairman of DP World and the London Gateway team, who gave him a tour of the construction site and hosted a reception which included, amongst others, customers, local MPs and local councillors.

Sir John said of the visit: “We were delighted to welcome His Royal Highness Prince Philip to London Gateway. It was a great occasion for all of the DP World team. His Royal Highness was very interested in all aspects of the engineering project taking place at the new London Gateway container port and logistics park. He met with our young British engineers of the future who are working on the site and viewed the construction work taking place at the new port. The foundations of the new quay wall are some ten-storeys deep. It’s a very challenging and exciting project for all involved.”

London Gateway Commercial Director Charles Meaby said: “Prince Philip was very interested in the engineering aspects of the project and it was a great honour to be able to show him the site. He took a keen interest in the engineering work and took time to meet with contractors employed on the project.”

London Gateway is the UK’s single largest jobs creation project, and experts predict 36,000 new jobs will be created from the completed development, providing an extra £3.2 billion into the country’s economy annually<sup>1</sup>. Around 1,000 jobs will be created in the coming months, with 700 construction roles and 300 new port jobs.

The news of London Gateway’s official opening in 2013 was revealed to an audience of more than 500 stakeholders at a special event on Tuesday attended by Business Secretary Dr Vince Cable and Shipping Minister Mike Penning, who were hosted by DP World Chairman Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Vice Chairman Jamal Majid Bin Thaniah, DP World CEO Mohammed Sharaf and London Gateway CEO Simon Moore.

The port will have an initial capacity of 1.6 million TEU, or twenty foot equivalent container units. An estimated 65 million road freight miles will be saved every year as many goods will no longer need to be transported from deep sea ports to inland distribution centres. Instead, goods will be sent straight into the new logistics park and then directly to shops and homes – substantially cutting CO2 emissions.

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<sup>1</sup> UKTI/Oxford Economics



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**About DP World**

DP World operates more than 60 terminals across six continents<sup>(1)</sup>, with container handling generating around 80% of its revenue. In addition, the company currently has 10 new developments and major expansions underway in 10 countries.

DP World aims to enhance customers' supply chain efficiency by effectively managing container, bulk and other terminal cargo. Its dedicated, experienced and professional team of nearly 30,000 people serves customers in some of the most dynamic economies in the world.

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 Jebel Ali facility in Dubai, which has been voted "Best Seaport in the Middle East" for 17 consecutive years.

In 2010, DP World handled nearly 50 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) across its portfolio from the Americas to Asia. With a pipeline of expansion and development projects in key growth markets, including India, China and the Middle East, capacity is expected to rise to around 95 million TEU by 2020, in line with market demand.

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(1) As of September 2011. Includes non-container terminals