



## **DP WORLD 2007 THROUGHPUT INCREASES 18% - REACHES MORE THAN 43m TEU -**

Dubai, 21 January 2008: - Global marine terminal operator DP World today announced it handled more than 43.3 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) across its portfolio of 42 terminals last year – an increase of 18% on 2006.

Growth across all three reporting regions continued strongly in 2007.

The Middle East, Europe and Africa region grew 19% in 2007 compared with 2006. Terminals in the UAE increased throughput by 19% to 11m TEU, with the two Dubai ports of Jebel Ali and Port Rashid combined growing 20% to reach 10.7m TEU. DP World Jebel Ali alone grew more than 25%, reaching 9.9m TEU. This was due new vessel calls as well as the opening of a new second terminal at the port in the second half of 2007.

The Asia Pacific and Indian sub-continent region recorded more than a 17% increase as many of the terminals expanded capacity and continued to improve productivity and efficiency to serve those markets' growth in containerised cargo.

The Americas and Australia region delivered growth of 18%, with all terminals in the region performing well.

### **Mohammed Sharaf, CEO DP World said:**

“2007 was another excellent year of growth for DP World, with our portfolio continuing to grow ahead of global container trade growth, estimated at 10.8%<sup>1</sup>.

“Our global footprint underwent further significant change in 2006 and our operational performance in 2007 reflects why we are now one of the leading terminal operators in the world. But we are not stopping here. Our customers continue to look to us to help them manage their supply chains, and we will continue to grow in accordance with their needs.

“Our portfolio is well balanced and designed to meet the needs of our customers and of world trade today and tomorrow. During 2007 we announced four new wins - the agreement to develop two new terminals in Europe, Rotterdam and London Gateway; the concession to operate the existing port at Dakar, Senegal and to build the new port there; and the acquisition of Sokhna Port in Egypt.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Drewry Shipping Consultants

“In addition, we expanded the operations of our existing terminals, increasing capacity at selected facilities and improving efficiency to help our customers manage their supply chains even more effectively.”

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### **Regional Throughput Summary**

<b>Region</b>	<b>2006 TEU (millions)</b>	<b>2007TEU (millions)</b>	<b>Growth</b>
Americas and Australia	4.0	4.7	18%
Asia Pacific, India	15.7	18.3	17%
Europe, Africa, Middle East	17.1	20.3	19%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>18%</b>

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#### **About DP World**

DP World is one of the largest marine terminal operators in the world, with 43 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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