



## JEBEL ALI VOTED BEST SEAPORT IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR

DP World's flagship retains award over two decades as most efficient  
and modern gateway in the region

**Shanghai, China / Dubai, United Arab Emirates, July 06, 2014:-** Global marine terminal operator, DP World, announced today (July 06) that its flagship Jebel Ali Port has been voted the "Best Seaport - Middle East" for the 20<sup>th</sup> year in a row, at the prestigious Asian Freight and Supply Chain Awards.

Popularly known as AFSCA<sup>1</sup>, the award is decided by key decision makers in the industry who take part in an independently verified nomination round followed by a voting round. It has been organised by one of Asia's leading transport and logistics newspapers, Cargo News Asia, for 28 consecutive years.

The winners were celebrated at a major ceremony in Shanghai, attended by several hundred leading transport, logistics and supply chain executives from around the region.

The award was received by Kris Chang, Managing Director, DP World, China, on behalf of DP World, UAE Region.

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

"Jebel Ali is among the leading terminals in our industry, thanks to the outstanding performance of our UAE Region team in Dubai who have made it possible to sustain this award winning performance. Jebel Ali is now raising the bar again by shortly opening Container Terminal 3 which will be the world's largest semi-automated facility with fully remote controlled quay cranes and automated yard cranes."

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

"In line with the vision of His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum to position Dubai as a leader in everything it does, DP World is committed to investing in its services and facilities to preserve Jebel Ali's position among the world's top terminals to meet the changing needs of our customers. We are proud to retain this prestigious award for two decades and particularly proud that it is an award decided by those who use our services - our customers."

Last year, Jebel Ali Port handled 13.6 million TEU with 1 million of additional TEU capacity added. Container Terminal 3 (T3) will add a further 4 million TEU capacity, raising total capacity of Jebel Ali to 19 million TEU.

The new terminal's 1,860 metre long quay is nearly complete and nine brand new mega Ship-to-Shore Quay cranes (STS) are being tested before the start of initial operations in

<sup>1</sup> Details on AFSCA award can be found at <http://www.cargonewsasia.com/afsca/>

coming weeks. Some 20 Automated Rail Mounted Gantry (ARMG) cranes are also moving on their rails at the 70 hectare yard.

As one of the finest modern marine terminals in the world, T3 will feature 19 of the largest and most modern quay cranes and 50 ARMG cranes, remotely operated from a sophisticated control room.

Established in 1987, AFSCA is Asia's longest-running awards event. It covers air and sea ports, air cargo and container awards, along with the best green service providers.

Dubai recorded impressive results at the AFSCA 2014 awards. In addition to Jebel Ali, Emirates SkyCargo retained its Best Air Cargo Carrier Middle East title and Dubai International Airport again won the Best Airport Middle East award.

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**Photo caption:** *Mohammed Sharaf, Group Chief Executive Officer, DP World and Mohammed Al Muallem, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, DP World, UAE Region, celebrating the AFSCA's 20<sup>th</sup> award at DP World head office in Jebel Ali.*