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### DP WORLD CHAIRMAN ADVOCATES PPP INVESTMENT MODEL FOR SUSTAINED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GLOBALLY

#### Public-private partnerships take centre stage at UNCTAD's <sup>1</sup> World Leaders' Investment Summit in Geneva

**Geneva, Switzerland, 15 October 2014:** DP World Chairman HE Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem has emphasised the role of public-private partnerships in promoting sustainable development and long term action at UNCTAD's World Leaders' Investment Summit in Geneva, attended by heads of state, government and leading executives of global companies.

Speaking at the event, themed 'Investing in sustainable development: Vision and policy roadmap', HE bin Sulayem illustrated the strength of public-private partnerships through DP World's own experiences in emerging economies – attracting capital for infrastructure projects, which impact supply chains and in turn, drive trade.

#### **DP World Chairman HE Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem said:**

"Although we are a business and our partnerships are with governments, we share a common desire to improve the overall economic wellbeing of the country we both serve. By committing for the long term, countries and companies achieve sustainability and prosper together.

"In this inter-connected world, sustainability in one market transcends to sustainability in all markets. Businesses need a mindset to 'make' sustained commitments to profitable partnerships over the long term and not to simply 'take' from the economies on which they can have a profound impact. That way, everyone wins."

**HE bin Sulayem** added that local jobs arose directly and indirectly from the economic stimulation brought about by efficient infrastructure. An example was DP World London Gateway port and logistics park development in the UK, which, once fully operational, will create 36,000 jobs in the wider area, according to a recent Oxford Economics study.

In a session entitled 'The potential of foreign investors to help develop the agriculture and natural resource sectors', **HE bin Sulayem** reiterated that foreign investment needs to target

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Every two years, UNCTAD organizes the World Investment Forum, which brings together major players from the international investment community to discuss challenges and opportunities and to promote investment policies and partnerships for sustainable development and equitable growth.

infrastructure development to support the growth of agriculture and natural resource sectors by providing efficient access to markets.

According to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), one third of the food currently produced in the world is wasted. This amounts to 1.3 billion tonnes of food, a \$763 billion economic loss and 3.3 billion tonnes of CO2 emissions globally every year.

**HE bin Sulayem** suggested that containerisation coupled with efficient port, road and rail infrastructure was a way of reducing waste:

"Transporting goods by container is safer, more secure and more efficient than transporting them as bulk cargo, especially for goods such as agricultural products that may require temperature or humidity controlled conditions," he said.

On the sidelines of the Forum, which brought together world business and political leaders, **HE bin Sulayem** met with **HE Mehdi Jomaa**, Prime Minister of Tunisia, to discuss matters of mutual interest and to further enhance the already warm relationship between Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates.

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**Photo Caption:** DP World Chairman HE Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem and HE Mehdi Jomaa, Tunisian Prime Minister, during their meeting at the UNCTAD's World Leaders' Investment Summit in Geneva yesterday (October 14, 2014).

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Container handling is the company's core business and generates more than three quarters of its revenue. In 2013, DP World handled 55 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units). With its committed pipeline of developments and expansions, capacity is expected to rise to more than 100 million TEU by 2020, in line with market demand.

DP World has a dedicated, experienced and professional team of around 30,000 people serving its customers around the world, and the company constantly invests in terminal infrastructure, facilities and people 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 20 consecutive years.

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(1) As of July 2014.