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JEBEL ALI PORT EFFICIENTLY HANDLES BIGGEST EVER BULK CARRIER VESSEL

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, November 04, 2014:- DP World has welcomed the largest ever bulk carrier vessel to call at Jebel Ali port.

The Saba Shipping's "Mega Star", more than a quarter of a kilometre long at 229 metres, was carrying around 79,000 tonnes of reinforcing steel from Turkey, destined for Dubai.

HE Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Chairman of DP World, said:

"Our flagship Jebel Ali Port serves a huge variety of customers, all to the same extremely high standard. The team in Jebel Ali rose to the challenge of handling the biggest ever vessel of its type to visit the port, and I congratulate them on their achievement.

"Efficiently handling 79,000 tonnes of reinforcing steel at Jebel Ali comes hard on the heels of the new Container Terminal 3 receiving its first vessel. This sends a clear message that we are ready to meet future capacity demands in Dubai, whether containerised or non-containerised cargo."

Jebel Ali Port has unparalleled sea connectivity, with 90 plus weekly services to over 140 ports worldwide. It has intermodal connectivity, by sea, land and air, and has a proven ability to handle breakbulk, bulk, roll on - roll off cargo, livestock and all other general cargo.

Last month, Jebel Ali Port welcomed the first scheduled vessel to call at its new Container Terminal 3 as it gears up to serve customers at the state-of-the-art facility. Once fully operational next year, the world's most modern container terminal will add a further 4 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) capacity to the port, taking total handling capacity at Jebel Ali to 19 million TEU.

In the first nine months of 2014, DP World's UAE terminals handled 11.4 million TEU, representing growth of 12.6% year-on-year. Yet another new record was achieved, with 4 million TEU handled in the third quarter.

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