



## **ACQUISITION OF DUBAI MARITIME CITY AND DRYDOCKS WORLD**

### **DP World to acquire both assets for total cash consideration of US\$ 405 million**

**Dubai, UAE, 18 September 2017:** DP World Limited today announces that it has entered into agreements to acquire Maritime World LLC, the 100% owner of Dubai Maritime City (DMC), for a purchase consideration of US\$ 180 million and to buy 100% of Drydocks World LLC (Drydocks) by means of a capital injection of US\$ 225 million, taking the total cash required for the acquisitions of DMC and Drydocks to US\$ 405 million.

DMC is a world class maritime service facility and industrial business zone in a prime location of central Dubai and adjacent to DP World's Port Rashid. It is a maritime focused commercial and industrial park, which extends to 2.3 million sqm on a man-made peninsula and provides Economic Zones World FZE additional land as an alternative to the highly-occupied Jebel Ali Free Zone.

Drydocks World is a market leader in the ship repair business with the largest ship repair yard in the Middle East. The business delivers stable ship and rig repair revenues and has specialist capabilities in niche ship newbuilds and conversions. Drydocks' acquisition will integrate well into P&O Maritime (POM), which is DP World's 100% owned maritime services subsidiary. On a proforma basis, the US\$ 225 million capital injection into Drydocks World represents a 2016A EBITDA multiple of 8.0x.

The acquisitions are expected to be earnings accretive from the first full year of consolidation. On a proforma basis, DP World's net leverage as of 1H2017 would be 2.9x Net Debt to EBITDA with these acquisitions compared to the reported 2.6x.

Both acquisitions are subject to certain conditions precedent and the acquisition of Drydocks World is subject to the successful completion of its debt restructuring process. Both transactions are expected to close before the end of the first quarter of 2018. As the acquisitions are considered related party transactions under the DFSA Market Rules, DP World will comply with the relevant requirements of DFSA Market Rule 3.5.3.

**Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and CEO, DP World,** said: "We are delighted to make these acquisitions which further strengthen the Group's maritime services and port related businesses. As a global trade enabler, we have been targeting a broader strategy to grow

complementary sectors in the global supply chain such as industrial parks, free zones and logistics adding further value for all our stakeholders.

Dubai Maritime City provides us with stable leasing income from DMC's existing industrial zone and spare capacity to develop industrial and commercial activities for the maritime sector in a prime location of Dubai. We aim to develop the best-in class Maritime City serving the needs of the maritime industry and leveraging on our expertise and experience from our ownership of the Jebel Ali Free Zone. We are consequently well positioned to deliver significant value in the medium term.

Drydocks World bolsters our investment in the maritime sector through our subsidiary P&O Maritime. We are acquiring a market leader in the Middle East with the potential to deliver near term synergies and new revenue opportunities over the longer term, particularly in ship conversion and in areas where POM has existing expertise. We remain excited about the growth prospects of this business.

Overall, these transactions will enhance our position as a leading maritime services provider, and we look forward to leveraging on our proven track record to accelerate growth and deliver stakeholder value"

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**About DP World:**

DP World is a leading enabler of global trade and an integral part of the supply chain.

We operate multiple yet related businesses – from marine and inland terminals, maritime services, logistics and ancillary services to technology-driven trade solutions.

We have a portfolio of 78 operating marine and inland terminals supported by over 50 related businesses in 40 countries across six continents with a significant presence in both high-growth and mature markets. We aim to be essential to the bright future of global trade, ensuring everything we do has a long-lasting positive impact on economies and society.

Our dedicated team of over 36,500 employees from 103 countries cultivates long-standing relationships with governments, shipping lines, importers and exporters, communities, and many other important constituents of the global supply chain, to add value and provide quality services today and tomorrow.

Container handling is the company's core business and generates more than three quarters of its revenue. In 2016, DP World handled 64 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent units) across our portfolio. With its committed pipeline of developments and expansions, the current gross capacity of 84.6 million TEU is expected to rise to more than 100 million TEU by 2020, in line with market demand.

By thinking ahead, foreseeing change and innovating we aim to create the most productive, efficient and safe trade solutions globally.