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POWERFUL FILM HIGHLIGHTING THE HUMAN COST OF PIRACY TO DEBUT AT COUNTER-PIRACY CONFERENCE

Captives and their families tell their harrowing stories in documentary produced by DP World

Abu Dhabi, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, June 21, 2012:- Since 2007, 3500 seafarers have been held captive by pirates operating out of Somalia and 62 have lost their lives¹; today, more than 200 seafarers² are still being held, often beaten and tortured, with no contact with their loved ones, while hundreds of seafarers are preparing to sail through waters where the pirates operate.

The very real human impact of piracy on seafarers and their families is told in a documentary made especially for the second Counter-Piracy Conference convened by the UAE's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and DP World, to be held in Dubai June 27-28, premiering on Day One of the conference. It includes interviews with two seafarers held captive for 11 months and their families, with a captain about to set sail through waters where pirates operate, and with the daughters of a captain who was hijacked with his crew more than 19 months ago and who is still being held.

Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, DP World Chairman said:

"The terrible impact of piracy on the lives of seafarers and their families is often buried in a debate that includes discussions about security guards on board vessels, the rising costs of piracy to shipping and trade, and where pirates should be tried and imprisoned. While that debate is necessary and important, we should not lose sight of the appalling humanitarian cost that directly affects seafarers who sail into a nightmare as they go about their daily work."

Mohammed Sharaf, Group CEO, DP World, said:

"The extending geographic range of pirates' attacks and the increasing levels of violence are extremely alarming, not just because of their adverse implications for commercial and security interests of nations, organisations and those involved in trade, but most importantly because of the human lives impacted. DP World commissioned this documentary to raise awareness of that issue.

"The areas patrolled by pirates are the busiest trade lanes in the world, and an estimated 100,000 seafarers sail through those areas annually. With this moving

¹ Source: UK Foreign Affairs

² Source: EUNAVFOR

documentary we aim to stimulate debate to help find a sustainable solution to the root causes of piracy,” Mr Sharaf said.

The International Conference, to be held under the title “*A Regional Response to Maritime Piracy: Enhancing Public-Private Partnerships and Strengthening Global Engagement*”, will build on current global efforts to address the challenges of pirate attacks on ships, including its devastating human cost, and ways to enhance efforts to address the root causes that have led to piracy in Somalia and other places.

According to the International Maritime Bureau (IMB), as many as 43 pirate attacks were carried out by Somali pirates in the first quarter of 2012. The IMB estimates annual financial cost to global trade is up to US\$12 billion.

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Note to Editors:

A Video News Release (VNR) has been produced to accompany this release and is available to preview and download at www.counterpiracy.ae (under the Media tab).

The VNR features behind the scenes footage from the documentary shoot, plus exclusive interviews with DP World Group CEO Mohammed Sharaf and the film’s Director Jayson Clarke.

A number of file sizes are available to download, including smaller files suitable for web use and a full HD, broadcast quality version.

An English transcript of the VNR, Arabic subtitles and contributor captions are also available via the same link.

The documentary – *Piracy: The Human Cost* – features the following contributors:

Rahul Puranik: 2nd Engineer. Survivor from the MV Savina Caylyn, held by pirates Feb to Dec 2011

Bijesh Balakrishnan: 4th Engineer. Survivor from the *MV Savina Caylyn*, held by pirates Feb to Dec 2011

Nareman and Mishal Jawaid: Daughters of Captain Jawaid, Captain of the *MV Albedo* held by pirates since November 2010

Captain Mohammed: Captain of the *MV Noora Moon 1*. Sails regularly between Dubai and Somalia

About DP World

DP World operates more than 60 terminals across six continents⁽¹⁾, with container handling generating around 80% of its revenue. In addition, the company currently has 11 new developments and major expansions underway in 10 countries.

DP World aims to enhance customers' supply chain efficiency by effectively managing container, bulk and other terminal cargo. Its dedicated, experienced and professional team of more than 30,000 people serves customers in some of the most dynamic economies in the world.

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 Jebel Ali facility in Dubai, which has been voted "Best Seaport in the Middle East" for 17 consecutive years. In 2011, DP World handled nearly 55 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) across its portfolio from the Americas to Asia. With a pipeline of expansion and development projects in key growth markets, including India, China and the Middle East, capacity is expected to rise to around 103 million TEU by 2020, in line with market demand.

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(1) As of March 2012. Includes non-container terminals.