



## **DHL unveils the largest ground operations facility in the Middle East and North Africa at Meydan**

- **Project worth AED 100 million to open in Q3 2014**
- **New DHL facility will increase speed of service, ensure earlier deliveries, late pick-ups and set new industry benchmarks**

**Dubai, March 12, 2013:** DHL, the world's leading logistics company, today unveiled its largest Express ground operations facility in the Middle East and North Africa at an official ground breaking ceremony at the site within Meydan's Racecourse district, a prime location just minutes from the heart of Dubai.

Along with the DHL partner MGE Middle East General Enterprise L.L.C, the new facility represents an AED 100 million investment and will serve to enhance DHL's competitive logistical performance due to its strategic location, state-of-the-art features and capabilities and best in class handling processes all within one new modern facility.

Frank-Uwe Ungerer, Country Manager for DHL Express UAE, commented: "The new DHL Express UAE facility is a logistics milestone in DHL's Middle East and North Africa network and we are extremely proud to be partnering with Meydan to launch our largest ground operations facility in the region."

"As the region's economy goes from strength to strength this new facility marks not only a milestone in the growth of DHL but also of the UAE economy. Since DHL first began operations in 1976, our growth has mirrored that of the UAE. DHL's latest investment will help to further consolidate the global connectivity of the UAE by connecting the Middle East to DHL's global network for at least the next 20 years, and thereby ensuring continued growth through improved transit times and network reliability. This outstanding investment will further cement our leadership position in terms of connections, convenience and cost-effectiveness."



Covering a land area of 185,844 square feet, the new facility includes a 78,285 square foot indoor sorting and loading area and 46,648 square foot office which will also serve as DHL's new head office complete with the latest automated handling equipment and communication technology systems designed to bolster the efficiency of current systems to enhance speed of service and reduce transit shipment times for customers importing and exporting within the UAE. The facility also has outstanding environmentally friendly features, such as energy efficient management systems, security, indoors loading and supply chain equipment.

Speaking about the partnership, H.E. Saeed Humaid Al Tayer, Chairman of Meydan said: "We are very pleased to have cemented this important commercial partnership with DHL, a globally trusted brand. Their major distribution facility will bring tangible improvements and benefits to the entire commercial infrastructure of Dubai. Meydan shares the same principles of strategic investment, innovation and commitment to the future of the UAE's economic growth and continued success. This is also an important milestone for us as the first major commercial development on Meydan real estate/property, selected by DHL for its prime location, ready infrastructure and unparalleled access. We look forward with confidence to a strong and lasting partnership."

The new facility to be completed in Q3 2014 reaffirms DHL's strong foothold in the logistics industry in the region. On completion of the facility, DHL's expansion will meet that of the growing needs of businesses in the region to offer faster access to international markets.

DHL has been a pioneer in the Middle East logistics industry for more than 30 years and currently has 261 service centers and service points across 19 countries in the region and employs over 4,400 employees across the Middle East. Through its innovation, service excellence and commitment, DHL continues to offer customers superior logistics solutions.

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