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SAUDI GLOBAL PORTS WELCOMES 23,664 TEUs HAPAG LLOYD BERLIN EXPRESS: LARGEST VESSEL TO CALL AT THE EASTERN PROVINCE OF SAUDI ARABIA

On 16 July 2023, King Abdulaziz Port Dammam (KAPD) and Saudi Global Ports (SGP) celebrated the arrival of Hapag Lloyd's Berlin Express, the largest container vessel to call at the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. At almost 400m long with a width of 61m, the Berlin Express is amongst the largest container vessels globally with a nominal capacity of 23,664 TEUs. It is also Hapag Lloyd's first LNG dual-fuel ultra-large containership.

The arrival of Berlin Express at KAPD re-affirms the value of SGP's decision to invest in a future-ready and globally competitive container terminal from the start of its development works in 2012. Berlin Express berthed at SGP's Terminal 2 which has a handling capacity of 1.08 mil TEUs with 6 Quay Cranes ("QC") and 18 Rubber Tyre Gantry Cranes ("RTG") that allows it to adequately handle mega vessels.

SGP also put supply chain integration and efficiency at the forefront of its operations through the collaboration with PSA Singapore to block stow containers bound for Riyadh Dry Port ("RDP") at its port of loading in Singapore. This collaboration allowed SGP to offload the RDP-bound containers at KAPD efficiently to connect them expeditiously onto the rail, increasing the reliability and attractiveness of intermodal movements in the Kingdom.

Berlin Express' maiden voyage to Dammam brought over 9,000 TEUs into King Abdulaziz Port and is part of the AG3 service connecting the growing economies in Asia (Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, and China) with the Middle East (UAE, Oman, and Saudi Arabia).

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Annex: Accompanying Photos



- 1) **Photo 1:** Photo with the Captain of Berlin Express; Vice President of Operations for Ports of the Eastern Province, Mr Hany Al Ghassab; Director General of King Abdulaziz Port, Captain Fahad AlAmer; and Director General for Customs, Dammam, Mr Yousef Al Zakan.



Photo 2: Photo of Berlin Express entering KAPD, SGP Terminal 2

BACKGROUND

About Saudi Global Ports (SGP)

Saudi Global Ports (SGP) is the operator of both deepsea container terminals at King Abdul Aziz Port in Dammam, and the Riyadh Dry Port Ecosystem (Riyadh Dry Port, Riyadh Empty Yard and Dammam Empty Container Yard). Dammam seaport is Saudi Arabia's main maritime gateway on the Arabian Gulf and is connected to the Riyadh Dry Port Ecosystem through extensive rail and road networks, serving major cities in the Eastern and Central regions of Saudi Arabia. It is also the closest gateway port to the country's capital city and economic centre, Riyadh. With a portfolio of deepsea, rail and inland terminals, SGP works alongside its customers and partners to develop comprehensive and reliable cargo solutions connecting Saudi Arabia to the world. SGP is a joint venture between the Public Investment Fund (PIF), Al Blagha Group and PSA International. Visit us at www.saudiglobalports.com.sa, or follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter (@SaudiGlobalPorts).

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