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SAUDI GLOBAL PORTS FORMALLY ASSUMES OPERATORSHIP OF RIYADH DRY PORT

Saudi Global Ports (SGP) formally assumed the operatorship of the Riyadh Dry Port (RDP) Ecosystem on 14 March 2022 under a new entity "SGP Riyadh". The successful takeover was completed in under 4 months following the signing of a 10-year concession agreement between Saudi Railway Company (SAR) and SGP on 07 December 2021.





SAR and SGP have worked closely on efforts to retain manpower, transfer assets and engage the port community ahead of the takeover, and closely consulted its stakeholders including the Saudi Chamber of Commerce, Tabadul and Customs Authority. SAR and SGP have also purchased and commissioned more than 100 units of new container and cargo handling equipment to gear up for the expanded operations.

As part of developing the RDP Ecosystem towards providing more efficient and integrated logistics services, SGP will be starting operations of the Riyadh Empty Yard to re-position empty containers for exports. The current RDP and container depot in Dammam will also undergo a series of civil rehabilitation and upgrades to their terminal operating systems. Overall, SGP is expected to invest over 250 million Saudi Riyals in developing the RDP Ecosystem.

Mr Bashar Al Malik, CEO of SAR said he was pleased to see how SAR and SGP have successfully collaborated on the change in operatorship within a compressed timeline. We look forward to strengthening this partnership, offering world-class logistics productivity and solutions to the cities and regions served by the Riyadh-Dammam railway.”

Mr Abdulla Zamil, Chairman of SGP said, “I would like to express my gratitude to the management and working teams from SAR and SGP for their close partnership through this challenging process. Despite the delays from global supply chain disruptions, SGP managed to leverage their resources and assets from Dammam Port to ensure a smooth transition.”

Mr Wan Chee Foong, Regional CEO of Middle East South Asia, PSA International, said, “We would like to thank our partners, the Public Investment Fund (PIF), SAR, and the Kingdom for their support and trust throughout this journey. The integration of RDP and Dammam Port is timely as the demand for more resilient and sustainable supply chain ecosystems increases. PSA is committed to working alongside our partners towards the Kingdom’s vision to build an efficient logistics hub for the region and beyond.”

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BACKGROUND

About Saudi Global Ports (SGP)

SGP is a joint venture with PIF as the majority shareholder and PSA as the operator. It operates the First and Second Container Terminals in King Abdul Aziz Port Dammam. Located along the Arabian Gulf coast of Saudi Arabia, Dammam is an important deep-water port with excellent railway and road hinterland networks that serves the major provincial cities in the Eastern and Central Provinces of Saudi Arabia. Dammam is also the closest gateway port to the country's economic centre and capital city Riyadh. Visit us at www.saudiglobalports.com.sa.

About PSA International (PSA)

PSA International (PSA) is a leading port group and trusted partner to cargo stakeholders. With flagship operations in Singapore and Antwerp, PSA's global network encompasses over 50 locations in 26 countries around the world. The Group's portfolio comprises more than 60 deepsea, rail and inland terminals, as well as affiliated businesses in distriparks, warehouses and marine services. Drawing on the deep expertise and experience from a diverse global team, PSA actively collaborates with its customers and partners to deliver world-class port services alongside, develop innovative cargo solutions and co-create an Internet of Logistics. As the partner of choice in the global supply chain, PSA is "The World's Port of Call". Visit us at www.globalpsa.com, or follow us on LinkedIn and Facebook (@globalpsa).

About Saudi Railway Company (SAR)

SAR owns three networks: North Network - East Network - Haramain High-speed Network and operating Al Mashaer Train, with a total length of 5,500 km; the company is connected to five ports, two in Jubail, the King Abdul Aziz Port in Dammam, the dry port in Riyadh, and Ras al-Khair, the port of in addition to its connection with two mines.

SAR owns 15 passenger stations, eight maintenance workshops, and 15 handling yards. The International Union of Railways (UIC) ranked SAR as one of the best (3) railway companies in the global safety index for train operators, and the company even won the International Safety Award twice in a row from the British Safety Council, in addition to obtaining the ISO 45001 certificate. In the field of health and safety in the year 2021 AD.

SAR has the world's largest network that uses the European Telecommunications and Signalling System Level II (ETCSL2).

During the next phase, SAR will focus on opening broad investment horizons for the local and international private sector to improve the customer experience by developing infrastructure, passengers, and train, and transferring knowledge and technology.