

# Media Statement



## DP WORLD INCREASES WATER SUPPLIES TO BERBERA, SOMALILAND

Project adds 60 percent more water to local distribution system

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 16 February 2019:** Global trade enabler DP World on Monday launched a new water distribution center that increased the water supply in Berbera, Somaliland, by 60 percent.

The \$1 million project started in 2018 and includes four water wells, two shallow pools, two water troughs, a concrete reservoir tank and 7.0 km pipeline connected to the main water supply.

The project, powered by a hybrid solar system and a main generator, also included the construction of a mosque near the water distribution center.

It is designed to lessen water shortages in Berbera and to provide clean drinking water to local people and rural communities in the area. The project is part of DP World's strategy for the sustainable development in Somaliland as the increased water capacity will be required due to the growth of Berbera catalyzed by DP World's investment in the port and Special Economic Zone.

Three wells have been handed over to Berbera Municipality with the fourth well and two shallow pools allocated for free drinking water for the local community and their animals.

Since 2017 DP World have improved Berbera Port's performance by 70% and increased the port capacity by 50%. Currently DP World Berbera is developing local talents and has trained over 2700 Somalilanders in 2018 locally and overseas.

**Suhail Al Banna, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of DP World Middle East and Africa, said:** "This support for Berbera is part of our commitment to help develop the areas in which we operate, and we are confident this project will have important benefits for many people across the region. We are committed to ensuring everything we do leaves long term benefit for people in Somaliland and we look forward to continuing to work closely with the Somaliland authorities and people to help improve the quality of life through key infrastructure and sustainability projects."

DP World's initiatives in Somaliland include the sponsorship of 11 schools, a maritime education academy, two hospitals, and a clinic. DP World provided 4.5 million liters of water to the drought committee in Berbera in 2017 to support 15,000 families."

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