

## DLC receives positive response from global logistics players

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**Dubai Logistic City**, envisioned to be the world's first multi-modal integrated logistics platform, continues to receive positive response from major global players seeking to take advantage of its unique offering.

Industry players believe that regional trade would receive an impetus upon **DLC's** completion as it will eventually have a capacity of 12 million tonnes of cargo annually, nearly three times more than that of the current busiest cargo hub in Memphis, USA.

At the recently concluded International Freight Week 2008 held in Abu Dhabi and the fourth Trans Middle East event in Dubai, **DLC** received string of audience from international players.

"**DLC** will provide an ideal set-up for the transportation and logistics requirements of traded goods through and within the Middle East, resulting in an accelerated trade flow in the region as well as to nearby markets such as the Indian sub-continent, Africa and the CIS," said Abdulla Al Qurashi **DLC** Chief Executive Officer.

Spread over 21.5 square kilometres, **DLC** will form an integral part of a single-bonded free zone environment in the entire **Dubai World Central** development.

**DWC** is a 140 sq km urban aviation community centred on what is to become the world's largest international airport – the **DWC Al Maktoum International Airport**, currently being built 40km south of the Dubai International Airport.

**DLC** has several facilities including shared warehouses and plots of land for forwarders; land for logistics business of industry, trade, and distributors; land for dedicated facilities of integrators; office buildings and ancillary services; and up to 16 air cargo terminals with an average of 30,000 square metres each.

"The **DLC** concept is a world's first and one-of-its-kind whereby **DWC Al Maktoum International Airport** would be linked with the Jebel Ali Port, one of the busiest international ports in the Middle East," explained Al Qurashi. "Together with an efficient road network, **DLC's** value proposition for the transport and logistics sector would surely speed-up trade flows in the Middle East and nearby markets."

He pointed out that **DLC** would set a benchmark, not just in the region but also worldwide, specifically for facilities catering to transport and logistics providers.

**DLC's** first phase will be fully operational in mid-2009 when first cargo flights are expected at **DWC Al Maktoum International Airport**.

**DWC**, with infrastructure costs estimated at \$33 billion comprises six specialised clustered zones: **WC Al Maktoum International Airport, DLC, DWC Aviation City, DWC Commercial City, DWC Residential City, DWC Golf City**.

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