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Department for Communities and Local Government Minister visits London Gateway

London Gateway, London: The Department for Communities and Local Government Minister, Brandon Lewis MP, visited London Gateway this week to see how building work is progressing at the super-port.

During his visit, Mr Lewis was able to see for himself the scale of the UK's new container port and logistics park and watch the 138m-high quay cranes, which arrived at the port last week, being moved into position for commissioning and testing.

"It has been great to visit London Gateway and see first-hand the sheer size of this piece of infrastructure investment and to hear more about how it is helping to boost the UK economy", said Brandon Lewis MP. "This project is a great example of how business, the Government and local communities can work together to successfully bring a complex project to fruition, through maintaining a strong dialogue right from the planning stages through to completion."

London Gateway CEO Simon Moore welcomed the Minister's visit: "We are delighted Mr Lewis has been able to come down and see the speed with which London Gateway is developing. I was proud to discuss with him how it will create vital jobs for the local community, help British business save money and contribute £3.2 billion to the British economy every year. We have worked with the Government throughout the planning and building process, and we look forward to continuing that relationship."

London Gateway port and logistics park is playing a major role in boosting the economy by creating some 36,000 jobs. Over 2,300 people are currently employed in the construction process and hundreds of operational positions will be filled this year.

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Left, Simon Moore, London Gateway CEO and Brandon Lewis MP, Department for Communities and Local Government Minister, views London Gateway's massive quay cranes and developments at the UK's new national hub port.

About London Gateway

Opening in Q4 2013, London Gateway will be the UK's first 21st Century major deep-sea container port and Europe's largest logistics park. Owned and operated by DP World and situated on the north bank of the River Thames, London Gateway will provide unrivalled deep-sea shipping access to the largest consumer markets in the UK. The port's location, with its superior operational systems and service, will ensure ships load and unload as fast as possible, making London Gateway a world class asset for the UK.

About DP World

DP World operates over 60 terminals across six continents⁽¹⁾, with container handling generating around 80% of its revenue. In addition, the company currently has 11 new developments and major expansions underway in 9 countries.

DP World aims to enhance customers' supply chain efficiency by effectively managing container, bulk and other terminal cargo. Its dedicated, experienced and professional team of more than 30,000 people serves customers in some of the most dynamic economies in the world.

The company constantly invests in terminal infrastructure, facilities and people, working closely with customers and business partners to provide quality services today and tomorrow, when and where customers need them.

In taking this customer-centric approach, DP World is building on the established relationships and superior level of service demonstrated at its flagship Jebel Ali facility in Dubai, which has been voted "Best Seaport in the Middle East" for 18 consecutive years.

In 2012, DP World handled more than 56 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units) across its portfolio from the Americas to Asia. With a pipeline of expansion and development projects in key growth markets, including India, China and the Middle East, capacity is expected to rise to around 103 million TEU by 2020, in line with market demand.

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(1) As of 29 January 2013. Includes non-container terminals.

Press Questions

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