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**Press Release**

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## **Agility begins operations in biggest warehouse unit in Kizad**

*Leased facility of over 11,000 square metres the largest deal of its kind in Khalifa Industrial Zone Abu Dhabi*

**Abu Dhabi, UAE:** Officials from Khalifa Industrial Zone Abu Dhabi (Kizad) and Agility, one of the world's leading providers of integrated logistics, announced that the latter has begun operations at its new 11,133 square metre facility it has leased in the Kizad Logistics Park (KLP). This transaction represents Abu Dhabi's largest private sector warehouse leasing deal and one of the largest ever seen in the region.

The announcement was made at the recent opening ceremony of phase one of KLP, where Engineer Khaled Salmeen, CEO, Kizad, and Bassel El Dabbagh, CEO, Agility Abu Dhabi, came together, alongside other high profile national and international industry players.

Agility's facility in KLP covers an area of 11,133 square metres, almost 1/4 of phase one's total area of 46,453 square metres. Phase one is the first out of three phases scheduled for construction in KLP, creating a total of 118,965 square metres of prime logistics warehouse space when completed.

Construction of phase two has already been awarded with completion due in Q1 2015. Once all phases are completed, KLP will strengthen Kizad's position as a major regional logistics and warehousing centre, supporting the already thriving Khalifa Port.

By taking over the largest warehouse space leased to date in Kizad, Agility is further expanding its capacities in the UAE, and specifically, in Abu Dhabi.



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“Abu Dhabi’s economic upswing in the non-oil sector is a clear indicator that the diversification plans of the emirate’s economy are coming to fruition - in line with Abu Dhabi’s Economic Vision 2030. Kizad plays a pivotal role in this development which will continue and significantly transform our economic landscape”, Engineer Salmeen said.

“We are very pleased to welcome Agility to Kizad and to our logistics park, which provides world-class warehouse units designed to meet the specific needs of our tenants, and supported by the integrated intermodal transportation network, connecting sea, road, air, and soon rail, offering excellent regional and global market access ”, Engineer Salmeen added.

“There are numerous reasons why we chose to start operations in the Kizad Logistics Park. Besides the exceptional quality of the units – clearly the best you will find for lease in the UAE - the strategic location of KLP mid-way between Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Al Ain was another major factor. We are also working closely with the Abu Dhabi Terminals Company (ADT), the container terminal operator at Khalifa Port, so that as a third party logistics operator, our clients’ goods can come in and out of the country quickly, efficiently and cost effectively”, El Dabbagh explained.

Apart from Kizad, Agility is operating in four other locations in the UAE, including Dubai Investment Park (DIP), Jebel Ali, Al Quoz, and Musaffah. A major part of Agility’s business in the UAE is supporting the oil and gas industry with its full array of supply chain solutions and customized capabilities.

In Abu Dhabi, Agility has a total of 700 employees. As the only global logistics provider that was first established in the Middle East, with headquarters in Kuwait, Agility is a publicly traded company with over USD 5 billion in revenue and more than 22,000 employees in 500 offices across 100 countries.

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### **About Abu Dhabi Ports Company**

Abu Dhabi Ports Company (ADPC) is a master developer and regulator of ports and industrial zones.

ADPC's core objective is to facilitate the diversification of Abu Dhabi's economy by acting as an enabler for development and trade. It will achieve this by managing commercial ports throughout the Emirate, supporting partners with their infrastructure projects and setting up new companies and joint ventures with partners who service and operate in the ports and industrial zones sector.

ADPC was created in 2006 as part of the restructuring of the commercial ports sector in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and given control and regulatory enforcement power over all commercial ports assets previously owned by the Abu Dhabi Seaports Authority. ADPC strives to be at the forefront of progress in industrial logistics and infrastructure, and is currently focused on creating one of the world's largest concentrations of industry at Kizad.

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### **About Kizad**

Kizad is a 418 square kilometre industrial zone strategically located between Abu Dhabi and Dubai. With one of the world's most advanced deep-water seaports and world-class infrastructure, Kizad will benefit from excellent multimodal connectivity via sea, air, road and rail networks to ensure easy accessibility to and from the Industrial Zone. Phase One, which is 51 square kilometres with an investment of AED 26.5 billion or \$7.2 billion, opened in 2012. Kizad is a cornerstone of the Abu Dhabi Economic Vision 2030 which also highlights the drive to diversify the economy in pursuit of sustainable growth less dependent on the oil and gas industries. By 2030, Kizad is expected to contribute up to 15% of Abu Dhabi's non-oil GDP.

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## **About Agility**

Agility brings efficiency to supply chains in some of the globe's most challenging environments, offering unmatched personal service, a global footprint and customized capabilities in developed and developing economies alike. Agility is one of the world's leading providers of integrated logistics. It is a publicly traded company with over \$5 billion in revenue and more than 22,000 employees in 500 offices across 100 countries.

Agility's core commercial business, Global Integrated Logistics (GIL), provides supply chain solutions to meet traditional and complex customer needs. GIL offers air, ocean and road freight forwarding, warehousing, distribution, and specialized services in project logistics, fairs and events, and chemicals. Agility's Infrastructure group of companies manages industrial real estate and offers logistics-related services, including e-government customs optimization and consulting, waste management and recycling, aviation and ground-handling services, support to governments and ministries of defense, remote infrastructure and life support.

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