

## **MAERSK TRIPLE-E VESSEL BREAKS RECORD FOR LARGEST SHIP TO SAIL ON THAMES DURING DP WORLD LONDON GATEWAY CALL**

**18,300 TEU Munkebo Maersk calls just months after Edith Maersk**

**London, UK, 26th February 2015:-** The Munkebo Maersk became the largest ship to ever sail up the River Thames as it called at DP World London Gateway, the UK's newest deep-sea port hub today.

The 399 metre long, 60 metre wide, 195,000 ton Triple-E class vessel – equivalent in length to almost four football pitches – and capable of carrying more than 18,300 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) is one of the largest container vessels in the world, operating on Maersk's new East-West Network.

It was drawn alongside DP World London Gateway Port, adjacent to Europe's largest logistics park, at 7.30am on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, with the help of the Port of London Authority's pilots.

It comes just weeks after the Edith Maersk called at DP World London Gateway, which at 366 metres, had held the previous record for the largest ship to sail up the River Thames.

With quay cranes among the tallest in the world, coupled with cutting-edge, automated technology, DP World London Gateway enables vessels of this size and bigger to berth closer to two thirds of the UK market, removing unnecessary supply chain costs.

The Munkebo Maersk's call also comes just two weeks after DP World announced that it is moving forward with plans for a new 400 metre third berth at London Gateway, scheduled to be operational in the second half of 2016.

**Chief Executive of DP World London Gateway, Simon Moore,** said: "This is yet another record and landmark moment for DP World London Gateway.

"By welcoming the Munkebo Maersk we have demonstrated again that we are more than capable of handling the world's biggest container ships, in this case operating on the Asia-Europe routes.

"But ships are only going to get bigger and DP World London Gateway has been built to future proof its operational capacity, delivering efficiency that simply can't be achieved elsewhere.

"Our weather resilient quay cranes, which are the biggest in the world and able to operate in winds that bring other UK ports to a standstill, can reach across 25 rows of containers and have a superior lift height - both wider and higher than any ship currently in service."

**The new Port General Manager of DP World London Gateway, Cameron Thorpe,** said: "DP World London Gateway's market-centric port hub, in an unrivalled location and with neighbouring logistics park, is built to handle the biggest ships and cut waste out of the supply chain. That is what we are doing now and will continue to do in the future."

**Managing Director of Maersk Line UK and Ireland, Brian Godsafe,** said: "We're using DP World London Gateway to help ensure the right container equipment is available for our

customers in the locations they want it. In this instance, that means out in the Far East where they can be used to transport goods across our East-West Network.

“We are delighted that DP World London Gateway has been able to support us in serving our customers, and are pleased to help them break the record of the largest vessel on the Thames to date.”

**Chief Executive of the Port of London Authority, Robin Mortimer**, said: “We’re really pleased to be working with DP World London Gateway on another Thames first. Welcoming ships of this size is becoming business as usual for our pilots, harbour masters and port control teams, who oversaw the safe arrival of Munkebo Maersk.”

-ENDS-



**Photo Caption:** *The 18,300 TEU Munkebo Maersk alongside at DP World London Gateway on Thursday morning.*

A time lapse is currently being edited and will be available from [www.youtube.com/user/londongateway](http://www.youtube.com/user/londongateway) in the afternoon of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

For more images of the Munkebo’s arrival, click [here](#) to visit the London Gateway Flickr page.

**For media enquiries please contact:**

**Xavier Woodward**  
Communications & Marketing Manager



DP World London Gateway  
Tel: +44(0)1375 648340  
[xavier.woodward@dpworld.com](mailto:xavier.woodward@dpworld.com)

**Matt Abbott**

Communications Officer  
DP World London Gateway  
Tel: +44(0)1375 648343  
[matt.abbott@dpworld.com](mailto:matt.abbott@dpworld.com)

**Follow DP World London Gateway on:**

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LondonGatewayUK>  
LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/dp-world-london-gateway>

**About DP World London Gateway:**

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

DP World has a portfolio of more than 65 marine terminals across six continents, including new developments underway in India, Africa, Europe and the Middle East. Container handling is the company's core business and generates more than three quarters of its revenue. In 2013, DP World handled 55 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent container units). With its committed pipeline of developments and expansions, capacity is expected to rise to more than 100 million TEU by 2020, in line with market demand.