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Today, the historical port headquarters of Palazzo San Giorgio provided the backdrop to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the President of the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority, Paolo Emilio Signorini, and the Trade and Transformation Director of Group Supply Chain & Logistics, DP World, Simon Pitout.

The agreement seeks specifically to forge closer cooperation in the establishment of a smart transport, logistics and industrial supply chain in the Ports of Genoa.

The Memorandum of Understanding sealed today between Italy's premier port and the world's leading provider of global smart end-to-end supply chain logistics - in the aftermath of Liguria Region's successful institutional-trade mission to Expo 2020 Dubai in March 2022 - sets out the conditions for the provision of support in a number of areas.

These include the development of a network of ports and inland terminals, industrial and logistics zones and service centres; addressing supply chain solutions to trucking freight forwarding and warehouse management; and the sharing of best practices in the possible implementation of a logistics multimodal international corridor and related interoperability with the Port Community System.

“DP World is specialised in facilitating international trade flows across networks of inland terminals”, declared the Ports of Genoa President Paolo Emilio Signorini, “In our capacity as sixth European gateway port, one of our top priorities is to improve connections between our seaports and inland terminals. The opportunity to cooperate with an established and experienced global group such as DP World will undoubtedly assist us in improving the provision of supply chain services across the port and in boosting further our throughput.”

Simon Pitout, Trade and Transformation Director for Group Supply Chain & Logistics at DP World, said: “There is great potential to develop and integrate Genoa's logistics and trade infrastructure to unlock tremendous economic benefits. Through this Memorandum of Understanding we aim to share our expertise of creating the smartest, most efficient, sustainable and innovative solutions in end-to-end logistics to explore ways in which we could potentially support Genoa to maximize its strategic location and increase trade flows domestically and in the surrounding region.”

About DP World

We are the leading provider of worldwide smart end-to-end supply chain logistics, enabling the flow of trade across the globe. Our comprehensive range of products and services covers every link of the integrated supply chain – from maritime and inland terminals to marine services and industrial parks as well as technology-driven customer solutions.

We deliver these services through an interconnected global network of 295 business units in 78 countries across six continents, with a significant presence both in high-growth and mature markets. Wherever we operate, we integrate sustainability and responsible corporate citizenship into our activities, striving for a positive contribution to the economies and communities where we live and work.

Our dedicated, diverse and professional team of more than 97,657 from 158 nationalities are committed to delivering unrivalled value to our customers and partners. We do this by focusing on mutually beneficial relationships – with governments, shippers, traders, and other stakeholders along the global supply chain – relationships built on a foundation of mutual trust and enduring partnership.

We think ahead, anticipate change and deploy industry-leading digital technology to further broaden our vision to disrupt world trade and create the smartest, most efficient and innovative solutions, while ensuring a positive and sustainable impact on economies, societies and our planet.

About Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority (Ports of Genoa)

The Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority groups together the Ports of Genova, Savona and Vado Ligure and ranks as Italy's premier port range in terms of total throughput, product diversity and economic output, and as one of the leading European container gateway ports and Mediterranean cruise ports.

It is a multi-service port which boasts a wide selection of specialised terminals, managed by top global terminal operating companies, equipped to accommodate all classes of ships and to cater for all key commodity sectors. Backed-up by a cluster of dedicated companies, the Ports of Genoa guarantees a full range of vital complementary services from ship maintenance and construction to customised telecommunications and data processing. Whilst agents, forwarders, brokers and insurers are all major components of the local vibrant shipping community equipped to meet the diverse requirements of port users.

The Ports of Genoa is strategically located in the manufacturing and consumer heartland of Northern Italy and with easy access to major Central European destinations in Switzerland, Southern Germany and Austria. Specifically, Genoa is the southern Mediterranean gateway to the 3,900-km EU Rhine Alpine Freight Corridor in the heart of Europe.

The Port Authority is firmly committed to contributing to the growth of the local and national economy by creating employment and sustainable business opportunities.

Today the Ports of Genoa's plans for the future are all in place to strengthen its position as centre of cargo handling excellence and as a modern logistics platform serving the shipping community worldwide.

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