

## A.P. Moller - Maersk adds Khazaen Dry Port to its global network of port calls

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A.P. Moller – Maersk (Maersk) has added Khazaen Dry port (KDP), part of Asyad Group, to its extensive 'Port of Call' network offering business transportation, container terminal, and reefer container services to easily import and export goods.

Maersk is committed to designing and implementing services for its customers that offer integrated logistics solutions. KDP enjoys a strategic location closer to Maersk's customers' manufacturing hubs around Muscat and the gateway it opens to global markets. By adding KDP to the network of ports and offering land freight and value-added solutions to and from KDP, Maersk is implementing time-and cost-efficient solutions for its customers.

The long-term commercial agreement with Maersk falls in line with Asyad's role to facilitate trade and support local merchants to do business efficiently at global standards. It further bolsters KDP's global positioning as an import, re-export and transhipment centre as the country forges ahead to become one of the leading logistics hubs in the region. Underlining Asyad's role as a market growth leader, this integration is yet another step in the Group's carefully designed scheme to improve efficiencies and adopt higher standards across the logistics sector.

He added, "Oman has been a key logistics destination for Maersk, especially when it comes to the accessibility to global markets. We have worked closely with Asyad Group over the years to foster our relationship to offer best-in-class integrated logistics solutions supporting Oman 2040 Growth Vision. We are happy now to add Khazaen Dry Port to our network and work even more closely with Asyad in the coming years to continue developing our logistics investments supporting Oman's growth ambitions."

"We are home to more than 80 local and global companies with an annual capacity of 50,000 TEU. This integration with a powerful global network facilitates business and trade for the private sector, providing them with operational efficiencies and cost optimisation by simply leveraging Maersk's global routes to best suit their supply chains," he added.

Khazaen Dry Port is strategically located within easy reach of the booming economies

in the region, with proximity to the Saudi-Omani border, UAE-Oman border, the Port of Sohar, the Port of Salalah, and the Port of Suwaiq. It is purposely designed and built over an area of 100,000 m2; KDP is a one-stop shop for custom clearance, inspection and handling and storage of containers, and cargo movement at Muscat's doorstep.

Since starting its operations, KDP has leveraged its unique value proposition in Khazaen Economic City to attract major corporations and global players to invest in Oman. As the country's first integrated in-land dry port, it connects the City and other economic areas in the Sultanate to seaports, airports and land borders through a network of roads designed to accommodate land transport and shipment.

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