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LRQA APPROVES DP WORLD TO ISO/PAS 28000:2005, A WORLD FIRST

LRQA (Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance), a member of the Lloyd's Register Group, has issued its first ISO/PAS 28000 certificate of approval for international supply chain security to one of the world's major global container port terminal operators – DP World.

ISO/PAS 28000 is the management system specification which underpins the operational requirements now being implemented by most supply chain operators as they strive to enhance security and deal with threats from both terrorists and criminals.

Presenting the certificate of approval to DP World's CEO, Mr Mohammed Sharaf, at its Head Office in Dubai, Lloyd's Register Group's Area Manager for the Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Tony Muncer, stated that LRQA is delighted to be working with DP World, an organisation which is clearly placing security at the top of its agenda and showing the rest of world that management systems are an imperative tool for managing supply chain security risks.

Mr Muncer said: "We believe that all businesses that are reliant on the supply chain for business continuity will benefit by adopting the sound management principles in ISO/PAS 28000. LRQA's 'business assurance' approach to assessment will ensure that clients' assured under ISO/PAS 28000 will gain maximum benefit from the standard."

Paul Lightburn, Lloyd's Register's Group Product Manager for ISO/PAS 28000 emphasises the importance of this specification because it helps companies demonstrate to their supply chain partners and stakeholders that they have top management commitment and sound operations arrangements in place for identifying threats and managing risks. More companies are now expected to comply with codes and regulations like C-TPAT, the World Customs Organization's Framework of Standards and the EC's Regulation for Enhancing Supply Chain Security. However, they will only achieve the necessary operational objectives if companies have in place a sound management systems framework, like ISO/PAS 28000, to ensure requirements are implemented and verified.

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1. LRQA is a member of the Lloyd's Register Group providing verification and assessment services. The Lloyd's Register Group is an independent risk management organisation that works to help improve its clients' quality, safety, environmental and business performance throughout the world, because life matters. Its expertise and activities cover railways, shipping, oil and gas, and other asset-based industries.

2. The Lloyd's Register Group is one of the leading recognised security organisations undertaking security verification audits on behalf of over 60 flag administrations for compliance with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) ISPS Code.
3. **About ISO/PAS 28000:2005**
ISO/PAS 28000 - Specification for security management systems for the supply chain is a risk based management system specification which looks and feels like ISO 14001. It adopts the Plan - Do - Check - Act principle, which enables it to be easily integrated with other management system standards and principles, like ISO 9001. There are two other related specifications in the 28000 family: ISO/PAS 28004, which is the guide to 28000 and includes useful guidance to help with its implementation. ISO/PAS 28003 - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of supply chain security management systems, describes the audit methodology that audit bodies should apply when carrying out third party audits. This specification was applied by LRQA when it audited DP World.
4. Photographs of the certificate award are available from news@lr.org

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