

## **Lidl UK to establish distribution operations at DP World London Gateway Logistics Park**

Fast-growing supermarket will occupy the Logistics Centre at the UK's most integrated logistics facility

**London, UK, December 12<sup>th</sup> 2016:** One of the UK's fastest growing supermarkets is setting up a distribution facility at DP World London Gateway.

Lidl UK will begin operating out of the 187,000sq ft distribution facility from February next year.

The distribution centre's excellent location will enhance the award winning supermarket's distribution network to its 640-strong network of UK stores.

Lidl will occupy the warehouse areas of the Logistics Centre, which became vacant earlier this year.

### **Adrienne Howells, Lidl's Head of Warehouse Expansion, said:**

"As we push forward with our UK expansion plans we continue to strengthen our core infrastructure in order to support our new and existing stores up and down the country. We are, therefore, pleased to have found a viable facility at DP London Gateway Logistics Park that meets our current distribution requirements."

**Oliver Treneman, Property Development Director, DP World London Gateway, said:** "We are delighted to have been able to work with Lidl in providing a solution to this aspect of its rapidly expanding distribution operation in the UK.

"DP World London Gateway is exceptionally well positioned to help retailers and third party logistics businesses to decrease time and cost in their supply chains.

"Our team of experts are able to assist with solutions and with one of Europe's largest land-banks for distribution warehousing, on the same estate as the UK's most advanced deep-sea container ports, the advantages to cargo owners in utilising this facility are compelling."

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**Picture:**

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**About DP World London Gateway:**

DP World London Gateway is the UK's most integrated logistics hub, comprising a reliable and efficient deep-sea port and adjacent logistics park. Owned and operated by DP World and situated on the north bank of the River Thames, DP World London Gateway provides unrivalled deep-sea shipping access to the largest consumer markets in the UK. It is accelerating UK trade through partnership working, innovation and highly efficient, reliable service.

The port's location, with its superior operational systems and service, ensure ships, truck and trains are loaded and unloaded as fast and as safely as possible, making DP World London Gateway a world class asset for the UK.

The park's location, adjacent to the port – with consent for more than 9 million sq ft of industrial and logistics space – is owned, developed and managed by DP World London Gateway. It will enable occupiers to fully utilise the unique market centric location and significantly reduce their supply chain costs and CO2 footprint.

**About DP World:**

DP World is a leading enabler of global trade and an integral part of the supply chain.

We operate multiple yet related businesses – from marine and inland terminals, maritime services, logistics and ancillary services to technology-driven trade solutions.

We have a portfolio of 70 terminals in 31 countries across six continents with a significant presence in both high-growth and mature markets. We aim to be essential to the bright future of global trade, ensuring everything we do has a long-lasting positive impact on economies and society.

Our dedicated team of over 36,000 employees cultivates long-standing relationships with governments, shipping lines, importers and exporters, communities, and many other important constituents of the global supply chain, to add value and provide quality services today and tomorrow.

Container handling is the company's core business and generates more than three quarters of its revenue.

In 2015, DP World handled 61.7 million TEU (twenty-foot equivalent units) across its portfolio. With its committed pipeline of developments and expansions, capacity is expected to rise to more than 100million TEU by 2020, in line with market demand.

By thinking ahead, foreseeing change and innovating we aim to create the most productive, efficient and safe trade solutions globally.

**About Lidl UK GmbH:**

Since establishing itself in the UK in 1994, Lidl has grown consistently and today has over 640 stores in England, Scotland and Wales. Lidl has experienced continue growth with over 6 million British shoppers now flocking to the supermarket each week, half a million more, per week, than in 2015. The family supermarket takes pride in providing top quality products at the lowest possible prices throughout the country from Kirk-wall to the Isle of Wight. Regular world food themes give customers

a chance to excite their taste buds with a range of produce from all over the world including the South of France, Italy, Poland and Cornwall and in recent years Lidl's seasonal wine collection has been embraced by the British public, enabling households up and down the country to buy premium wines at incredible value. Whilst its roots may be in Germany, Lidl UK is passionate about working with British producers and two thirds of its products are sourced from the UK. In addition to food, Lidl also has bi-weekly special offer promotions on products ranging from cycling gear to hiking accessories, kitchen gadgets to BBQs. These offers change on a Thursday and a Sunday and are subject to availability. For more information and a convenient store locator, please visit [www.lidl.co.uk](http://www.lidl.co.uk).