

## Doraleh Multi-purpose Port

### New giant cranes and movable machinery docked

**After delivery by sea from Shanghai, China, twelve gantry cranes, RMG units, quay cranes units with moving machinery arrived in Djibouti. Such acquisitions are timely. They aim at strengthening the performance of Doraleh multi-purpose port or DMP its acronym in implementing general cargo type operations. The objective is consistent with the spirit of the vision of the President of the Republic of Djibouti to make a "hub" regional logistics in international maritime trade.**

It had been announced since yesterday the latest equipment from China arrived to Doraleh multipurpose port. The event has grouped the Acting Minister of Equipment and Transport Hassan Mumin Barreh, the president of the Authority of ports and free zones, Aboubaker Omar Hadi, CEO of the Port of Djibouti SA, Saad Omar Guelleh, the technical adviser to the president, Aden Ahmed Doualeh, Ambassador of the Peoples Republic of China in Djibouti, Fu Huaqiang, the representatives of several Chinese companies. The CMHI (China Merchant Holding International), the ZPMC (Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industries), CCS (China State Construction), and the CCECC (China Civil Engineering Construction Company). Yesterday's ceremony was held by the promise of value of the leaders of PDSA and ZPMC. Since they had celebrated on July 8, 2016 at ZPMC headquarters, sending the equipment for the DMP. The initiative marked a major turning point thereby become of this national treasure. It was the logical consequence of the signing of a purchase order, endorsed at the end of November 2014 in Shanghai by the Director General of the PDSA and ZPMC partners. It was actually a contract relating to delivery of a dozen gantry cranes, units of RMG, shore cranes with mobile units machineries that were carried by sea to Djibouti.

### A first of its kind

Their arrival constitutes a first of the kind in the history of the harbour community of the country .These ultramodern and mobile cranes are specialized in landing and loading cargo on ships in bulk and such acquisitions are timely. They aim at strengthening DMP's performance in the implementation of general cargo type operations. The objective is in conformity with the spirit of the vision of the president of the Republic which is to make of Djibouti a regional logistic "hub" in the international maritime trade. With such versatile trump the port of Doraleh whose official opening is scheduled for early 2017. The prospect hints at the driving role that it will play in consolidating the gains of the sustained growth of the Djibouti economy.

After fixing of new infrastructure, the DMP will have comparative and competitive advantages against competitors in the region. In short, the DMP will provide potential customers with quality services in various sectors such as containerization of imported and exported products, vehicle routing, and strengthening of General Cargo (breakbulk, drybulk) and transshipment of consumer goods etc...

**Saad Omar Guelleh  
Directeur Général de PDSA**

## “Raising the productivity of our harbor platform”

First, let me welcome the representatives of the company ZPMC. I want to thank our Chinese partners for their commitment and tireless support for the development of our country. To recall, the commercial contract for the acquisition of heavy equipment of last generation has been signed in Shanghai November 30, 2014 between the Port of Djibouti SA and ZPMC. The second important date is that of the departure ceremony of China's equipment which was held in Shanghai July 8, 2016.

It is with immense joy that we met here in Djibouti and in particular inside the DMP to celebrate the arrival of these machines that will contribute to the enhancement of productivity and performance of our port platform.

Indeed, these facilities have 12 Portal Cranes, 2 new cranes, RMG units etc ...

In addition, the test period and commissioning of these machines is estimated at 1 month.

Today's date will remain etched in the history of our country because this event is historic in more ways than one in the port sector.

The DMP will play a leading role in the economic development of Djibouti and will provide potential customers with quality services in various sectors of maritime transport activities namely bulk and containerized export and import goods, and possibly transshipment and the strengthening of activities in terms of performance of General Cargo (breakbulk, drybulk, etc. etc.).

I want to emphasize that this new Doraleh Multi-purpose port will allow us to have the comparative and competitive advantages against competitors' ports in the region but mostly symbolizes the realization of the enlightened politics and visionary of the president of the Republic.

