

Imperial acquires 100% stake in J&J Group

Imperial, owned by DP World, has announced that all the requirements relating to its 100% acquisition of J&J Group, the largest integrated logistics operator on Mozambique's Beira corridor, have now been fulfilled.



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The transaction relating to the acquisition of the first tranche of shares (51%) of the J&J Group, which was announced on 29 July 2021, was closed on 18 July 2022. This will be followed by the acquisitions of the second and third tranches of 46.5% and 2.5%, respectively.

J&J Group offers end-to-end logistics solutions along the Beira and North-South corridors, specialising in the transport of break-bulk, containerised, project, fuel and out-of-gauge cargo between Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, Malawi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Sultan Ahmed Bin Sulayem, group chairman and CEO of DP World, says: "This acquisition strengthens DP World's position as an end-to-end logistics provider, by adding J&J's significant presence along these key corridors in Africa – a market where trade is expected to grow at more than twice GDP driven by population growth, accelerated urbanisation and rising middle classes."

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Mohammed Akoojee, chief operating officer of DP World Logistics and Group CEO at Imperial adds: "This acquisition complements our 'Gateway to Africa' focus as it optimises and expands our reach in Africa by providing scale in end-to-end cross-border transportation services in key countries and new industries. This is possible through well-established routes, port capabilities, a well-developed asset base, including a fleet and warehousing space, as well as an entrenched customer portfolio."

Through the acquisition of the J&J Group, Imperial will be positioned for quicker go-to-market outside of South Africa and end-to-end access to certain key countries and corridors (port to customer) in Africa.

"We are excited for J&J to partner with Imperial and believe that the operations of these two businesses are very complementary. This combination offers existing and potential J&J clients a true gateway to Africa," explains Carlyle and Ethos Private Equity, currently the controlling shareholders of the J&J Group.

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