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Bahrain detachment to enhance service to Navy customers

Bahrain, Manama (August 25, 2010) – DLA Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia's Bahrain detachment will host a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of a newly-renovated bay within its warehouse operations. Keynote speaker and presiding officer for the event will be DLA Distribution commander and director of Central Command's Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, Rear Adm. Thomas C. Traaen.

Renovations at the warehouse, which included increased shelving and new cargo doors and bin storage systems, allow the facility to store and distribute materiel quickly needed by the detachment's nearly 130 tenant commands and home ported ships

"In order to ensure efficiency and timely delivery to key customers, Navy materiel, previously located at the main Kuwait facility is being relocated to Bahrain," said Marian Crosson, detachment director. "This will dramatically reduce customer wait time."

The detachment, which was established under a transfer of functions from the Navy, operates a Materiel Processing Center, which serves as sorting and staging area for materiel destined for Navy vessels. As shipments arrive at the MPC, the supplies are sorted by ship and then by their destination once on board.

The Bahrain detachment mission is to maintain forward positioned stock and provide multi-modal distribution services to US Naval Forces Central Command and Combined Maritime Forces operating in the Fifth Fleet Area of Responsibility.

The facility is a detachment of DLA Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia. DLA Distribution Kuwait is DLA Distribution's only distribution facility in Southwest Asia and was established based on a request from the United States Central Command. The primary mission will provide forward stock positioning support and enhanced physical distribution services to the Armed Forces located in the US Central Command Area of Responsibility. Its distribution facilities are strategically positioned in Southwest Asia to reduce transportation and customer wait time. The depot provides distribution services and surge capability to all four service components to support the Warfighters operating in the AOR. Current commodities distributed by DLA Distribution Kuwait are repair parts, barrier/construction materiel, clothing, textiles and tentage. The organization also provides consolidated shipment and containerization services, as well as, routine logistic support to the military community in the theater of operations.

DLA Distribution offers best value supply chain solutions through a broad range of services including storage, distribution, customized kits and specialized packaging as well as transportation support and technology development. Customers include the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and other agencies. Headquartered in New Cumberland, Pa., DLA Distribution operates a global network of 25 distribution centers that employ over 10,000 employees worldwide. DLA Distribution is a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency.

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