

MoU signed by Ports of Genoa and DP World

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Today, the historical port headquarters of Palazzo San Giorgio provided the backdrop to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the President of the Western Ligurian Sea Port Authority, Paolo Emilio Signorini, and the Trade and Transformation Director of Group Supply Chain & Logistics, DP World, Simon Pitout.

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