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MPA and Bureau Veritas Renew Partnership to Advance Maritime Digitalisation, Decarbonisation, and Talent Development

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) and Bureau Veritas (BV) have renewed their Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deepen collaboration in maritime digitalisation, decarbonisation, and talent development.

2. The MoU was signed by MPA Chief Executive, Mr Teo Eng Dih, and BV Group CEO, Ms Hinda Gharbi. This renewal builds on the successful collaboration since 2022.

3. As part of the renewed MoU, MPA and BV will explore the establishment of a BV global innovation hub in Singapore. The hub will focus on research and application of emerging technologies with multi-industry impact. These include cybersecurity standards and guidelines, and the design and integration of new battery technologies and fuel cell systems.

4. Both parties will also work together on innovative digital and decarbonisation solutions. These include smart ship systems, AI technologies to enhance vessel inspection, and the use of robotics for in-water applications. Additionally, MPA and BV will promote the adoption of zero and near-zero GHG emission fuels, electrification and wind-assisted propulsion. These initiatives aim to strengthen Singapore's MarineTech ecosystem.

5. To support maritime workforce development, BV will continue its participation in industry manpower programmes such as the MPA Global Internship Award, MaritimeONE Internship and Scholarship Programmes, and the Career Conversion Programme. These efforts aim to attract and nurture maritime talent to support BV's growth in Singapore, which will contribute to the broader maritime talent based here.

6. Mr Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive, MPA, said, "Singapore has a strong innovation ecosystem that brings together researchers, start-up entrepreneurs and tech companies to collaborate with class societies such as BV to deploy AI, autonomy, and cybersecurity. We are pleased to partner Bureau Veritas, reaffirming our shared commitment to collaborate on maritime talent development and advancement in digitalisation, innovation, and decarbonisation in the maritime sector."

7. Ms Hinda Gharbi, Group CEO of BV, said, "This renewed collaboration with MPA reflects our continued commitment to support the maritime industry's priorities in digitalisation, decarbonisation, and talent development. By combining MPA's leadership in maritime innovation with Bureau Veritas's extensive global experience and technical expertise, we aim

to contribute to the advancement of sustainable and resilient solutions. We look forward to the positive impact this partnership will continue to have on the industry's future.”

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About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)

MPA was established on 2 February 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's maritime and port development, taking on the roles of maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative, and a champion of digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts at regional and international fora such as at the International Maritime Organization and the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security, and environmental protection, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand multi-domain capabilities, and support the cluster of maritime ancillary services and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime multi-domain and the Port of Singapore.

For more information, please visit www.mpa.gov.sg/

About Bureau-Veritas (BV)

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