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Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore and Port of Antwerp-Bruges Sign Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime Decarbonisation and Digitalisation

On Friday, 21 March 2025, Port of Antwerp-Bruges and the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on maritime decarbonisation and digitalisation. This joint initiative will strengthen the partnership between the Port of Antwerp-Bruges and MPA and reaffirms the importance of collaboration and knowledge exchange in addressing global maritime challenges.

2. The MOU was signed by Mr Jacques Vandermeiren, CEO, Port of Antwerp-Bruges, and Mr Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive, MPA. The MOU was exchanged on 25 March 2025 during the State visit to Belgium by His Excellency Tharman Shanmugaratnam, President of the Republic of Singapore. The MOU was exchanged between Mr Johan Klaps, Vice-Mayor (for the Port and Economy) of the City of Antwerp and President of the board of directors of Port of Antwerp-Bruges, and Mr Lim Hong Huai, Singapore's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

3. This MOU provides a framework for Port of Antwerp-Bruges and MPA to exchange information and explore collaboration in key areas of maritime decarbonisation and digitalisation.

4. Jacques Vandermeiren, CEO of Port of Antwerp-Bruges: " This MoU marks a significant step in the energy and digital transition. At Port of Antwerp-Bruges we are committed to pioneer towards a sustainable and secure future. We are committed to collaborate and exchange knowledge within our partnerships. We look forward to working closely with MPA to achieve our shared goals."

5. Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive, MPA: " Our collaboration with the Port of Antwerp-Bruges marks an important step in advancing our shared goals of maritime decarbonisation and digitalisation. Collaboration and knowledge exchange will be key to driving innovation and achieving sustainability in the sector, and we look forward to the strengthened partnership with Port of Antwerp-Bruges to create a more sustainable, efficient, and secure maritime future."

6. Johan Klaps, Vice-Mayor (for the Port and Economy) of the City of Antwerp and President of the board of directors of Port of Antwerp-Bruges: "We are very pleased to build on our strong partnership with the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore. Our ports are

intrinsically linked, which also means we share the same challenges. Further cooperation will therefore allow them to continue to grow into high-performing and environmentally friendly economic hubs.”

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About Port of Antwerp-Bruges

With an overall throughput of 278 million tonnes per year, Port of Antwerp-Bruges is a critical hub in worldwide trade and industry. The port is a crucial link for the handling of containers, breakbulk and for the throughput of vehicles. Port of Antwerp-Bruges is home to 1,400 companies and accommodates the largest integrated chemical cluster in Europe. The port provides, directly and indirectly, a total of around 164,000 jobs and generates an added value of 21 billion euros.

The ambition for Port of Antwerp-Bruges is clear - to become the world's first port that reconciles economy, people and climate. As well as growing in a sustainable way, the Port also aims to focus on its unique position as a logistics, maritime and industrial centre and to take the lead in the transition to a circular and low-carbon economy. Together with the port community, customers and other partners, Port of Antwerp-Bruges is actively seeking innovative solutions for a sustainable future. High on the agenda is its responsibility for the environment and the surrounding society.

The port sites of Antwerp and Zeebrugge are operated by the Antwerp-Bruges Port Authority, a limited liability company of public law with the City of Antwerp and the City of Bruges as its shareholders. The port employs 1,800 people. Johan Klaps is Vice-Mayor of the City of Antwerp and the Mayor of Bruges Dirk De fauw is the Vice-President of the Board of Directors of Port of Antwerp-Bruges. Jacques Vandermeiren is CEO and President of the Executive Committee, which is responsible for the port's day-to-day management.

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.

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