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Bunker Suppliers / Bunker Craft Owners and Operators Shipping Community Harbour Craft Community

## REVOCATION OF LICENCES OF TWO BUNKER LICENSEES DUE TO CONTRAVENTION OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BUNKERING LICENCES

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) has revoked the bunker craft operator licence of Seaquest Tanker Pte Ltd and the bunker supplier and bunker craft operator licences of Vermont UM Bunkering Pte Ltd, with effect from 26 and 27 April 2016 respectively. The two companies will no longer be allowed to operate as bunker suppliers and bunker craft operators in the Port of Singapore.

As part of MPA's on-going regulatory efforts to ensure the safety, reliability and quality of bunker supplies in Singapore, checks were conducted on Seaquest Tanker Pte Ltd in 2015 and Vermont UM Bunkering Pte Ltd in 2016.

3 MPA's separate investigations into the two companies revealed discrepancies and wrongful declarations in the records kept on board their bunker tankers. There were also separate incidences of transfers of bunkers between bunker tankers that were conducted without MPA's approval. As such, MPA has revoked the companies' licences as they had breached the terms and conditions of their bunker supplier and bunker craft operator licences.

4 MPA reminds all licensed bunker suppliers and bunker craft operators to adhere strictly to the terms and conditions of their bunker licences. MPA will take firm action against any licensee who has acted in contravention of their licences, including suspending or revoking their bunker licences, as appropriate.

5 Please contact Mr Md Elfian Harun at tel. no. 6325 2309 or email <u>Md Elfian Harun@mpa.gov.sg</u> for any clarification needed on this circular.

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