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Singapore is Re-elected to the Council of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities

Singapore was re-elected to the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA) Council for a four-year term from 2023 to 2027, on 3 June 2023 at the 14th IALA General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Singapore was first elected to the 24-member IALA Council in 2018 at the 13th IALA General Assembly in Incheon, Republic of Korea.

2 At the General Assembly, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) renewed its memorandum of understanding (MoU) with IALA for a period from 2024 to 2027, to support the training and capacity building of IALA National members. The MoU will support IALA's World-Wide Academy in helping coastal States implement IALA standards effectively and fulfil their SOLAS¹ Convention (Chapter V) obligations on marine aids to navigation (AtoN). MPA has been conducting technical workshops and courses for IALA National members in areas such as risk management, vessel traffic services (VTS) and e-navigation since 2018.

3 Captain M Segar, MPA's Assistant Chief Executive (Operations) and Singapore's IALA Councillor said, "We are grateful for the strong support of IALA National members and honoured to be re-elected to the IALA Council. As a major transshipment hub port and a maritime State located along one of the world's busiest waterways for international shipping, Singapore recognises the importance of IALA's efforts to establish common technical standards for VTS and e-navigation in promoting safe and efficient shipping." He added, "As a Council member, we will continue to

¹ The Safety of Life at Sea Convention (Chapter V) identifies certain navigation safety services which should be provided by Contracting Governments and sets forth provisions of an operational nature applicable in general to all ships on all voyages. The subjects covered include the maintenance of meteorological services for ships, the ice patrol service, routing of ships and the maintenance of search and rescue services.

contribute to improving navigational safety and the efficiency of maritime traffic for the global shipping community through our work in IALA.”

4 Since becoming an IALA National member in 1973, Singapore has actively contributed to the mission of IALA, including the development of standards, recommendations and guidelines on AtoN, VTS and e-navigation. More recently, Singapore has also supported the advancement of work relating to Maritime Autonomous Surface Ships, IALA’s initiatives such as the Disaster Recovery Fund and IALA’s transformation into an intergovernmental organisation. Singapore will host the 15th VTS Symposium in 2025.

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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 port and maritime development, taking on the roles of port authority, 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. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our waters, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and develops maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation policies and plans, R&D and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime domain and Port of Singapore. In 2022, Singapore remained one of the world’s busiest transshipment hubs with a container throughput of 37.3 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

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