

## **Annex A: Quotes by industry partners**

### **Singapore Shipping Association**

Ms Caroline Yang, President of Singapore Shipping Association, said, "The Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) welcomes this mass vaccination for maritime personnel who need to board vessels for their work. We urge companies to arrange and encourage staff in the identified maritime roles to be vaccinated, not only as protection for themselves but also as an assurance to their loved ones. SSA will continue to engage the authorities and maritime stakeholders for practical safe management measures so shipping operations in Singapore can continue amid new developments with the global pandemic."

### **Singapore Maritime Officers' Union**

Ms Mary Liew, Singapore Maritime Officers' Union's General Secretary, said, "We are thankful that our local seafarers are offered this opportunity to get vaccinated early. Seafarers are key workers and they play an essential role in ensuring that the supply of goods is uninterrupted globally. Given the cross-border nature of their work, the protection that vaccination brings extends beyond the seafarer to his or her friends, family and the larger community."

### **Association of Singapore Marine Industries**

Mr Simon Kuik, President, The Association of Singapore Marine Industries (ASMI), said, "ASMI is grateful that priority have been given to the maritime sector, especially our workers who need to go onboard ships in the anchorages, for repair and maintenance work. This will enable our people to be kept safe as they continue to operate effectively supporting our maritime industry as the go-to regional sea hub. ASMI strongly encourages our frontline workers to strongly consider getting vaccinated for the safety of themselves and their loved ones."

### **Singapore Organisation of Seamen**

Mr Kam Soon Huat, Singapore Organisation of Seamen (SOS)'s President, said, "SOS supports this initiative to protect our seafarers who are at the frontlines of keeping the global supply chains moving. We strongly encourage them to step forward to get vaccinated, to safeguard their health and that of their family and friends."

### **PSA International**

Mr Ong Kim Pong, Regional CEO Southeast Asia, PSA International, said, "As an essential service provider in one of Singapore's key economic sectors, and a hub for global transshipment, PSA remains operational through the pandemic to ensure that national and global supply chains are uninterrupted. To keep up our multi-layered

defence against COVID-19 in the port and maritime sector, vaccination is an important line of defence to further strengthen ourselves as we continue the fight against this invisible enemy.”