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PTP COMPLETES FIRST BERTHS IN PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Handling capacity raised 33% to 6 million TEU

Work has been completed on the first two berths of the Phase Two development at the Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP). The berths, which total 720m in quayside length, can handle the next generation of container vessels - the largest in the world and well in excess of 10,000+ teu capacity.

With the berths now completed, land reclamation work on the remaining six berths of Phase Two has also been completed, enabling PTP to have a short lead time for the build-up of additional berths to respond to market demands.

The two new berths, which are numbered 7 and 8, will add an additional 720m of wharf to the existing quay length of 2.16km. The new berths have a water depth alongside of 19m, adequately catering for the largest planned ships which will have a length overall in excess of 400m. The new berths also feature 25% higher crane loading strength of 100 tonnes per meter of rail.

With a new total length of 2.88km of wharf, the first two berths of Phase 2 are expected to raise the annual handling capacity of PTP from 4.5 million teu to 6.0 million teu.

To always prepare for the future, PTP has introduced a new wharf design on Phase 2, which also incorporates provisions to accommodate wider quay crane rail spacings of 45m. This is a 50% increase from the current maximum of 30.5m as used in Phase I, and is in anticipation of new crane designs that will be used to conduct operations on the next generation vessels as well as accommodating twin lifts.

PTP's Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Mohd Sidik Shaik Osman said, "With the new berths operational, this will bring in the new capacity that will enable us to market the port more aggressively to the shipping lines. As the same time, the new designs will ensure that our facilities will remain viable well into the future."

Background Information - Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP) - the gateway to Sout East Asia.

PTP, South East Asia's fastest growing port, is strategically located at the southwest shoulder of Johor with a minimum diversion time from the confluence of the main international shipping lanes. PTP's strategic location presents significant geographical advantages through its deep waters, sheltered bay and wide access channel. PTP offers 8 berths of 360m each totalling 2.88 km in length backed up by one of the largest container yards in the region with a storage capacity of 110,000 teu.

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