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PORT OF TANJUNG PELEPAS WELCOMES WORLD'S LATEST AND LARGEST CONTAINER VESSEL – MSC GULSUN AND BREAKS WORLD RECORD FOR VESSEL UTILISATION

28 July, Iskandar Puteri — Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP), a member of MMC Group becomes the first port in Southeast Asia to welcome Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) latest and largest container vessel as part of its maiden voyage in the South East Asia region.

Another major milestone was also transpired from the historic calling of MSC Gulsun when PTP became the first port in the world to hit back to back record for highest utilisation of a container vessel when the vessel left the port with the record load of 19,574 twenty-foot-equivalents (TEUs), surpassing previous record load of 19,284 TEUs achieved by Maersk Monaco set by PTP in June this year.

With 23,756 TEUs capacity, the 400m-long containership is 61.5m wide. MSC Gulsun is on its maiden voyage for the Asia – Europe (SILK/ NEU2) service loop of the 2M alliance network. The vessel, which was previously berthed at Yantian, China is scheduled to make the next port of call at Port of Algeciras, Spain.

Dato' Sri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh, Chairman of PTP and MMC Group Managing Director, in his statement remarked that the berthing of MSC Gulsun at PTP reflects strong assurance by vessel operators towards PTP's ability and commitment in serving the needs of its customers.

“As Malaysia’s leading ports and logistics operator, we take pride in our ability to anticipate and understand the needs of our customers as well as our agility to adapt to the changes of the industries that we operate in, in order for us to stay ahead.”

“Moving forward, we will further strengthen our foundation and continue to optimise our cost for greater operational efficiency. We remain focused on our deliverables and committed to returning more value for our stakeholders.” added him.

Marco Neelsen, Chief Executive Officer of PTP said the port is proud to host the MSC Gulsun as not many ports in the world can handle such mega vessels.

“PTP has the capacity and capability to accommodate mega size vessels because it is fitted out with the right facilities and equipment. The port is designed for the latest generation of container vessels to handle huge volumes.”

“Strategic investment in our equipment and facilities is continuing progressively. Our equipment upgrading and expansion program will ensure that PTP can keep up with the rapid changes of port and shipping industry and subsequently meet the growing demand of our customers.” added him.

MSC Gulsun is the first batch of six ultra large container vessel ordered by MSC in 2017. The vessel is fitted with the latest smart and eco-friendly technology focusing on low-carbon, energy and operational efficient state-of-the-art system.



Photo caption: PTP became the first port in the world to hit back to back record for highest utilisation of a container vessel when MSC Gulsun left the port with the record load of 19,574 TEUs

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About Port of Tanjung Pelepas

The Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP) is Malaysia's largest container terminal. The port delivers reliable, efficient and advanced services to major shipping lines and box operators, providing shippers in Malaysia and abroad extensive connectivity to the global market.

PTP is grouped under MMC Port Holdings Sdn Bhd (MMC Ports), Malaysia's largest integrated logistics service provider. MMC Ports is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MMC Corporation Berhad, a leading utilities and infrastructure group with long standing credential and capabilities in ports & logistics, energy & utilities and engineering.

Its terminal operations are backed up by state-of-the-art facilities, equipment and information technology systems linked to all port users. To date, the Port is operating with 14 berths totalling 5.04 km in linear wharf design. The port's container yard is one of the largest container storage facilities in the region with the capacity to handle up to 10.5 million TEU annually.

PTP was accorded Free Zone status in March 1998 and was also appointed as a Free Zone Authority by the Government on 16 June 1999 to administer both the Commercial Free Zone and the Industrial Free Zone. PTP Free Zone provides various advantages to cargo importers and exporters and the direct connection to the port terminal also provides efficient and cost-effective container movement between the Free Zone and the port, creating convenience for the container trade.

PTP is also a joint venture between MMC Corporation Berhad (70%), a utilities and infrastructure group and APM Terminals (30%), a leading global ports group with a global port network in 62 countries.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ptp.com.my/>

About MMC Corporation Berhad

MMC Corporation Berhad (MMC Group) is a leading utilities and infrastructure group with diversified businesses under four divisions, namely Ports and Logistics, Energy and Utilities, Engineering and Industrial Development.

Its key businesses under the Ports and Logistics division include the operations of Pelabuhan Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd, Johor Port Berhad, Northport (Malaysia) Bhd, Penang Port Sdn Bhd, Tanjung Bruas Port Sdn Bhd and Kontena Nasional Berhad. Internationally, MMC has presence in Saudi Arabia via Red Sea Gateway Terminal Company Limited, a container port terminal within the Jeddah Islamic Port.

Under the Energy and Utilities division, MMC is the single largest shareholder of both Malakoff Corporation Berhad and Gas Malaysia Berhad.

MMC's Engineering division has played a leading role for the implementation of the entire project including the underground works package in completing the 51 km Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang project (SBK Line) and is now the main turnkey contractor for the entire Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya project (SSP Line). Prior to this, MMC has successfully completed the 329 km Ipoh-Padang Besar Electrified Double Tracking Project as well as the innovative Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (SMART) motorway, the first of its kind, dual-purpose tunnel in the world.

MMC is currently, undertaking key civil and infrastructure projects in the country namely Langat Centralised Sewerage Treatment Plant and Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant.

Under Industrial Development, MMC Group's Property develops and manages close to 6,000 acres of industrial developments in Iskandar Malaysia, Johor and Kulim, Kedah, which include the Senai Airport City, Tanjung Bin Petrochemical & Maritime Industrial Centre (TBPMIC) and the Northern Technocity (NTC). The Senai Airport City, TBPMIC and NTC developments come under the ambit of Group Property's three operating companies – Senai Airport City Sdn Bhd, Seaport Worldwide Sdn Bhd and Northern Technocity Sdn Bhd respectively.

In other businesses, MMC wholly-owns Aliran Ihsan Resources Berhad, a company which specialises in the full spectrum of water treatment and Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd, the operator of Senai International Airport in Johor Bahru – a major aviation hub and the main air transportation gateway to Iskandar Malaysia.

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