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## NORTHPORT - THE FIRST MALAYSIAN PORT TO BE AWARDED ISO 37001:2016

**PORT KLANG, 10 February 2021** – Northport (Malaysia) Bhd, ("Northport"), a member of MMC Group set another impressive milestone when it became the first port in Malaysia to attain the ISO 37001:2016 Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS) certification from SIRIM QAS International Sdn Bhd (SIRIM QAS), the Malaysian certification body for ABMS.

"ISO 37001:2016 certification is a testament of Northport's continued commitment towards the highest level of integrity and ethical culture in our day to day business operations. We strongly believe that this certification will boost the confidence among our customers, business partners and other stakeholders towards Northport," said Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof, Chief Executive Officer of Northport.

SIRIM QAS' Senior General Manager, Management Systems Certification Department, Haji Mohd Hamim Imam Mustain officially handed over the ISO certificate to Dato' Azman during a simple ceremony at Northport on Wednesday, 10 February 2021.

ISO 37001:2016 is an international standard that sets out requirements and provides guidance for establishing, implementing, maintaining, reviewing and improving anti-bribery management systems and processes, and reducing the risk of bribery in organisations.

Since the takeover by MMC, Northport has embarked on a journey of transformation, founded upon a new set of core values namely Integrity, Customer Focus, Innovation, Teamwork and Excellence (InCITE).

In the initial stage, efforts to promote the culture of integrity were initiated through



engagement sessions with employees to educate and instill the awareness on integrity related best practices, including the Whistleblowing Policy which gives the rights and responsibility to the employees and parties dealing with Northport to disclose any act of improper conducts within the organisation.

Engagement sessions with relevant stakeholders were also conducted especially with the enforcement agencies, including the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission, Royal Malaysia Police, Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Malaysian Quarantine & Inspection Services and Port Klang Authority.

The strong leadership commitment is another push factor that further intensified Northport's efforts towards the certification. In November 2019, Northport's top management and employees signed the Corruption-Free Pledge that cemented the Company's commitment to conduct its business ethically and in full compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. The push towards achieving ISO 37001:2016 certification began in May 2020, and the Management team had put in a lot of effort to meet the ISO standards.

On 23 December 2020, the initiatives and efforts undertaken by Northport bore fruits after SIRIM QAS certified the company with ISO 37001:2016 following a comprehensive certification audit exercise. The audit findings confirmed that Northport's procedures and processes are in line with international standards and has met the standard requirements set for ISO 37001:2016 certification. Northport also takes pride that the entire process for the certification was coordinated by its inhouse integrity team.

"As one of the country's essential service providers, we are committed to combat and eradicate any forms of corruption along our process chain to strengthen our port security standard and safeguard our business operations. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all our key stakeholders for their cooperative efforts throughout this journey which has helped Northport to be recognized with the highest standard of integrity," said Dato' Azman.



Prior to ISO 37001:2016 certification, Northport holds the distinction of being the first port in Malaysia to be awarded the ISO 45001:2018, an international ISO standard for Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSMS). Northport is also certified with ISO 9001:2015 for Quality Management System (QMS) and ISO/IEC 27001:2013 for Information Security Management System (ISMS).



Photo caption: Northport's CEO, Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof (right) receiving the ISO 37001:2016 certificate from SIRIM QAS' Senior General Manager, Management Systems Certification Department, Haji Mohd Hamim Imam Mustain.

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## About Northport (Malaysia) Bhd

Northport (Malaysia) Bhd (Northport) is one of the largest multi-purpose gateway ports of its kind in the national ports system. Northport 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 diversified businesses under four divisions, namely Ports and Logistics, Energy and Utilities, Engineering, and Industrial Development.

Northport offers dedicated facilities and services to handle a wide variety of cargoes ranging from containers to cars, break bulk cargoes as well as liquid and dry bulk cargoes of all types and shipment sizes.

With a historical tradition dating back more than 100 years, Northport plays an important role in the development of the Malaysian economy and the country's burgeoning international trade.

Northport is the winner of Malaysia's Best Seaport - Outstanding Performance Award presented by the Ministry of Transport Malaysia for two consecutive years, in conjunction with the Malaysia World Maritime Week 2016 and 2017.

Northport holds the distinction of being the first port in Malaysia to be awarded the ISO



45001:2018 and ISO 37001:2016 standards and the winner of the prestigious National Occupational Safety and Health (NCOSH) Award 2019 in the Business Services category.

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## About MMC Corporation Berhad

MMC Corporation Berhad ("**MMC**") 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 includes the port 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, a logistics provider. 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, Malakoff Corporation Berhad is the largest Independent Power Producer in Malaysia and its subsidiary, Alam Flora Sdn Bhd, is one of the leading environmental management companies in the country. Under Gas Malaysia Berhad, MMC is the supplier of reticulated natural gas in Peninsular Malaysia operating and maintaining 2,468 kilometres of gas pipeline. Through Aliran Ihsan Resources Berhad, MMC provides full-fledge water services using high technology treatment in Malaysia.

MMC's Engineering Division has played a leading role as the Project Delivery Partner and underground works package contractor in completing 51 kilometres Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit ("KVMRT") Kajang Line (previously known as Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line) including 9.5 kilometres underground works. Currently, MMC is the main turnkey contractor for 52.2 kilometres KVMRT Putrajaya Line (previously known as Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line). MMC has also successfully completed the 329-kilometre 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 in the final stage of completing the Langat Centralised Sewerage Treatment Plant (which will serve 920,000 Population Equivalent) and Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant (which will supply 1,130 Million Litres of treated water Per Day).

MMC's Industrial Development Division develops and manages approximately 5,000 acres of industrial developments namely Senai Airport City ("SAC") and Tanjung Bin Industrial Park ("TBIP") in Iskandar Malaysia, Johor and Northern Technocity ("NTC") in Kulim Kedah. The SAC, TBIP and NTC developments come under the ambit of MMC's Industrial Development division, operating under three companies namely Senai Aiport City Sdn Bhd, Seaport Worldwide Sdn Bhd and Northern Technocity Sdn Bhd.

In other business, through Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd, MMC is the operator of Senai International Airport in Johor Bahru – the southern aviation hub and an important gateway to Iskandar Malaysia.

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