



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Inaugural Meeting of the International Advisory Panel on Maritime Decarbonisation**

1. While the COVID-19 pandemic has been the primary global issue of the year, decarbonisation continues to be a high priority on Maritime Singapore's agenda. Maritime Singapore is committed to sustainable international shipping as guided by the targets of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to reduce total annual greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from international shipping by at least 50% by 2050.
2. Supported by the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, the Singapore Maritime Foundation has established an International Advisory Panel on Maritime Decarbonisation (IAP) to develop a strategy to support the industry achieve these goals. Chaired by Mr Andreas Sohmen-Pao, Chairman of the Singapore Maritime Foundation, and co-chaired by Mr Wong Weng Sun, Chairman of the Board and Governing Council of the Singapore Maritime Institute, the IAP will discuss pathways to maritime decarbonisation, policies that could help accelerate the transition, and proposed actions to be taken by Maritime Singapore.
3. Recognising that the topic is cross-disciplinary in nature, the IAP draws on the expertise of leaders from shipping companies, port operators, academia, class societies, insurance and finance players, energy companies, engine makers, shipyards, shipping associations, and government. Please refer to the **Annexes** for the list of members and the bio-data of Mr Andreas Sohmen-Pao, Chairman of the IAP, and Mr Wong Weng Sun, Co-Chairman of the IAP.
4. Mr Andreas Sohmen-Pao, Chairman of the IAP said, "I am pleased that we have been able to gather a strong group of industry leaders to develop a holistic strategy on maritime decarbonisation. We will look at policy options and enablers that position Singapore to play its part in this global effort." Mr Wong Weng Sun, Co-Chairman of the IAP added, "Decarbonisation is a multi-faceted issue requiring different perspectives and collaborations. The IAP reflects this, and I look forward to robust discussions with the panel to see how Singapore can become a centre of excellence for maritime decarbonisation efforts."
5. The IAP convened its inaugural meeting today via videoconference, and was joined by Senior Minister of State for Transport and Health Dr Lam Pin Min, and IMO Secretary-General Mr Kitack Lim.

6. Dr Lam Pin Min, Senior Minister of State for Transport and Health said, “Singapore is a strong proponent of environmental sustainability and remains committed to helping IMO achieve its goals of sustainable international shipping. As a leading maritime nation, I am glad that Singapore has led the way by forming the IAP on Maritime Decarbonisation to drive such efforts for the maritime industry.”

**Annex A:** Members of the International Advisory Panel on Maritime Decarbonisation

**Annex B:** Bio-data of Mr Andreas Sohmen-Pao, Chairman of the IAP, and Mr Wong Weng Sun, Co-Chairman of the IAP.

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### **About the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA)**

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) was established on 2 February 1996, with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre (IMC), 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, Port Regulator, Port Planner, IMC Champion, and National Maritime Representative. MPA partners the industry and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our port waters, facilitate port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and promote maritime R&D and manpower development.

### **About the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF)**

Established in 2004, the Singapore Maritime Foundation (SMF) is a private sector-led organization that aims to develop and promote Singapore as an International Maritime Centre (IMC). As the representative voice for the commercial players of the maritime industry, the Foundation seeks to forge strong partnerships with the public and private sectors of the maritime industry. SMF spearheads initiatives to promote the diverse clusters of the maritime industry in Singapore and at international frontiers, and to attract young talent to join the sector. SMF is directed by its Board of Directors which comprises prominent leaders in the Singapore maritime community. For details, visit <http://www.smf.com.sg>.

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## **Annex A: Members of the International Advisory Panel on Maritime Decarbonisation**

1	Mr Andreas Sohmen-Pao	Chairman Singapore Maritime Foundation
2	Mr Wong Weng Sun	Chairman of the Board and Governing Council Singapore Maritime Institute
3	Dr Gu Hai	Director of Technology American Bureau of Shipping
4	Mr Palle B. Laursen	Chief Technical Officer, Senior Vice President A.P. Møller-Mærsk A/S
5	Mr Mark Jackson	Chief Executive Officer Baltic Exchange
6	Mr Jan Dieleman	President Cargill Ocean Transportation
7	Mr Alexander Saverys	Chief Executive Officer Compagnie Maritime Belge
8	Mr Geir Bjørkeli	Chief Executive Officer Corvus Energy
9	Mr Zhu Jian Dong	Chairman & President COSCO Shipping (South East Asia) Pte Ltd
10	Mr Odin Kwon	Chief Technology Officer Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering, Co. Ltd
11	Dr Pierre C Sames	Group Technology & Research Director DNV GL
12	Mr Cyril Ducau	Chief Executive Officer Eastern Pacific Shipping
13	Mr Esben Poulsson	Chairman International Chamber of Shipping
14	Mr Nick Shaw	Chief Executive Officer International Group of P&I Clubs
15	Prof Lam Khin Yong	Senior Vice President (Research) Nanyang Technological University

16	Mr Jeremy Nixon	Chief Executive Officer Ocean Network Express
17	Mr Hor Weng Yew	Chief Executive Officer Pacific Carriers Limited
18	Mr Teo Choo Wee	Executive Director Pacific International Lines (Pte) Ltd
19	Prof Lynn Loo	Director Andlinger Centre for Energy and the Environment, Princeton University
20	Mr Tan Chong Meng	Group Chief Executive Officer PSA International
21	Mr Nick Potter	General Manager, Shipping & Maritime, APME Region Shell Eastern Trading Pte Ltd
22	Ms Caroline Yang	President Singapore Shipping Association
23	Dr Tristan Smith	Reader in Energy and Shipping Energy Institute, University College London
24	Mr Andrea Morgante	Vice President, Strategy and Business Development Wärtsilä
25	Dr German Weisser	Senior Advisor, Research & Development Winterthur Gas & Diesel Ltd
26	Ms Quah Ley Hoon	Chief Executive Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore
27	Ms Tan Beng Tee	Assistant Chief Executive (Development) Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore

**Annex B: Bio-data of Mr Andreas Sohmen-Pao, Chairman of the IAP, and Mr Wong Weng Sun, Co-Chairman of the IAP**

	<p><b>ANDREAS SOHMEN-PAO</b></p> <p><b>Chair, International Advisory Panel on Decarbonisation in the Maritime Sector</b></p> <p><b>Chairman, Singapore Maritime Foundation and Chairman, BW Group</b></p> <p>Andreas Sohmen-Pao is Executive Chairman of BW Group. He is also Chairman of five publicly listed affiliates - BW LPG, BW Offshore, BW Energy, Hafnia and Epic Gas. Mr Sohmen-Pao is currently Chairman of the Singapore Maritime Foundation, a director of Singapore National Parks Board, and a trustee of the Lloyd's Register Foundation. He has served as a non-executive director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd, The London P&amp;I Club, The Esplanade Co Ltd, Sport Singapore and the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore amongst others. Mr Sohmen-Pao graduated from Oxford University in England with an honours degree in Oriental Studies. He has an MBA from Harvard Business School.</p>
	<p><b>WONG WENG SUN</b></p> <p><b>Co-Chair, International Advisory Panel on Decarbonisation in the Maritime Sector</b></p> <p><b>Chairman of the Board &amp; Governing Council, Singapore Maritime Institute</b></p> <p><b>President &amp; Chief Executive Officer, Sembcorp Marine</b></p> <p>Mr Wong Weng Sun was appointed President &amp; Chief Executive Officer of Sembcorp Marine in 2009. He is Chairman of the Singapore Maritime Institute's Board &amp; Governing Council, a member of the Marine and Offshore Sectoral Tripartite Committee, and a member of the WSH2028 Tripartite Strategy Committee, where he chairs the Work Group on Workplace Safety &amp; Health.</p> <p>In supporting the development of offshore and marine tertiary education in Singapore, Mr Wong serves as Chairman of the Singapore Institute of Technology-Newcastle University (SIT-NU) Industry Advisory Committee for joint-degree programmes in marine engineering, naval architecture and offshore engineering. He also sits on the Industry Advisory Panel of Nanyang Technological University School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.</p> <p>Mr Wong joined Sembcorp Marine in 1988 as an engineer and was the Group's President and Chief Operating Officer prior to his current appointment. He holds a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering (Marine) from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and a Master of Business Administration from Oklahoma City University, USA.</p>