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## **NORTHPORT DONATES CONTAINERS FOR COVID-19 COMBAT PROJECT**

**PORT KLANG, 23 April 2020** - Northport (Malaysia) Bhd (“Northport”), a member of the MMC Group stepped in to join a group of Malaysian doctors, engineers and designers who are formulating a solution for an effective and efficient mass testing of COVID-19. Inspired by the ‘phone-booth-like’ testing conducted in South Korea, this project is called COMBAT or Coronavirus Mobile Test facility.

Ten containers worth RM80,000 were donated by Northport for the COMBAT project. Each container will be remodeled to become a self-contained facility with six units of negative-pressure test booths. Each booth is equipped with one set of intercom and integrated gloves to minimise contact with the patient under investigation (PUI) and is properly ventilated, in compliance with the requirements and guidelines by the Ministry of Health Malaysia. Meanwhile, a positive-pressure area will be placed in the middle section of the container, equipped with air conditioner unit to ensure comfort and conducive working environment for the medical personnel.

“COMBAT is an innovative project by a group of Malaysian professionals to help our country fight the COVID-19 pandemic. As “INNOVATION” is one of Northport’s core values and we appreciate innovative ideas, Northport immediately jumped on the bandwagon to be part of this project by contributing ten units of containers for the construction of COMBAT facilities,” said Dato’ Azman Shah Mohd Yusof, Chief Executive Officer of Northport.

Using containers as the main component of COMBAT project which are remodeled into multiple COVID-19 test booths, this innovative facility is capable of conducting high number of testing with minimal number of medical personnel. It also features other advantages against the open tent type testing facility including providing comfort and more secure working environment for healthcare workers and equipment within the facility.

Northport has participated and organised various Corporate Social Responsibility (“CSR”) programmes since the implementation of the Movement Control Order (“MCO”) in March 2020. Among the programmes include the financial contribution to the Tabung COVID-19 Selangor amounting to RM10,000; distribution of face masks and hand sanitisers to the hauliers and lorry drivers in Port Klang and a RM10,000 contribution to the Ministry of Health Malaysia to purchase an additional thermal

scanner for Port Klang which were initiatives led by Port Klang Authority; as well as the establishment of Northport's "*Tabung Wira Negara : Perangi COVID-19*" to give its employees an opportunity to contribute and support the frontliners at the Hospital Tengku Ampuan Rahimah in Klang as well as the North and South Klang District Police Headquarters.

"We will continue to work together with volunteers, professional bodies, NGOs and the Government to fight against this deadly virus. At the same time, we will help ease the burden of the frontliners and underprivileged community to obtain essential items during this difficult situation. With the strong determination and dedication of all Malaysians, I have faith that we will win this battle and come out stronger," concluded Dato' Azman.

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Photo caption : Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof, Chief Executive Officer of Northport (Malaysia) Bhd (second from right) and Team COMBAT leader, Nadzri Hashim (centre) standing in front of COMBAT facility during the handover ceremony of containers from Northport for the COMBAT project.

### **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 long standing credential and capabilities in 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 standard and the winner of the prestigious National Occupational Safety and Health (NCOSH) Award 2019 in the Business Services category.*

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*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 Group 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 Group is the single largest shareholder of both Malakoff Corporation Berhad and Gas Malaysia Berhad.*

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

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*In other businesses, MMC Group 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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