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# **JOHOR PORT PRIORITISES IN MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SAFETY AND SECURITY THROUGH COMPETENCY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME FOR ITS AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE**

**JOHOR BAHRU, 21 April 2021** - As the Southern Gateway Multi-Purpose Port in Malaysia that contributes not only largely to the nation but also global trade, Johor Port Berhad (Johor Port), a member of MMC Group, prioritises in maintaining a safe and secure environment for its port users and customers to conduct business.

At Johor Port, its armed security force known as the Johor Port Auxiliary Police is responsible to ensure utmost protection from any potential threats whether by land, sea or air. They provide patrolling and 24-hour surveillance at all entry and exit points to various facilities within the port as well as enforcing both port and maritime safety regulations at Johor Port's waterfront.

The Johor Port Auxiliary Police force comprises of a team of 85 officers and members of which five (5) of them are women. The Johor Port Auxiliary Police officers and members are authorised to carry firearms as they are the primary responders for all reported crimes and incidents within its jurisdiction.

On top of the Auxiliary Police Training at the Police Training Centres (PULAPOL), the armed security force also undergoes various skills trainings regularly to strengthen its performance and ensure adequate preparation for various services and security roles such as Marine Facility Security Officer for vessel searches.

Johor Port recently conducted the 2021 Bi-Annual Firearms Training for its Auxiliary Police at the Kota Tinggi REM Farm Shooting Range on 1, 3 and 9 April 2021. The Firearms Training aimed at enhancing the usage of firearms through up-to-date

training and improving the level of preparedness when encountering any situation involving firearms usage.

The training programme consisted of a briefing session and practical training on the procedures and safety aspects of handling firearms, followed by ‘Centre Fire’ gun and ‘Falling Plate’ pump-action gun skills training sessions. The weapons used during the training consisted of Glock19 9mm gun type firearms and 12-bore pump guns. The training session ended with a swearing-in ceremony by all the participants. The next firearms training will be conducted in October 2021.

“In any maritime operations, the number one priority is to ensure utmost port security - this is because the marine transportation sector is a thriving and extensively used form of conveyance that contributes largely to the nation’s economy. Here at Johor Port, we ensure regular training is conducted for all police officers to help provide adequate foundation in carrying out important safety-related tasks,” explained Md Derick Basir, Chief Executive Officer of Johor Port.

The Johor Port Auxiliary Police also collaborates with multiple Government entities such as Royal Malaysian Police (PDRM), Customs, Immigration, National Anti-Drugs Agency (AADK) and other Government Agencies such as the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (Maqis) Department to facilitate in monitoring and providing safety and security spanning miles of waterfront and land-based facilities.



*Photo caption: Johor Port Auxiliary Police at Firearms Training*

## **ABOUT JOHOR PORT AUXILIARY POLICE**

Ports are the main gateway of a country and an important sector in generating the growth of the national economy. Due to this, the aspect of security at ports should not be taken lightly.

In line with the need to ensure adequate and comprehensive security at ports, the Port Security Force was established as provided under the Port Authorities Act 1963 and this security force was further strengthened by granting police powers to each officer and member who has been appointed as an Auxiliary Police as provided under the Police Act 1967.

This is also in line with the requirements of the *Arahan Tetap Sasaran Penting 1990*, a national safety and security guideline, where the ports are regarded as a primary source of the nation's economy and to a certain extent, plays a vital role in the functioning of the Government and contributing to the overall image of the nation - hence, it requires the supervision and monitoring of armed security forces. This Security Force is also known as the Port Auxiliary Police.

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### ***About Johor Port Berhad***

*Johor Port Berhad, a Member of MMC Group is an integrated multi-purpose port facility located at the southern tip of Peninsula Malaysia providing a comprehensive range of port services to meet the individual needs of its customer. Commencing operation in 1977 as the original Southern Gateway Multi-Purpose Port in Malaysia, Johor Port currently operates a total area of 1,000 acres, 660 acres of which are designated as Free Zone.*

*With 24 berths and a total berthing length of 4.9 km, the services and facilities within Johor Port include the Container Terminal, Bulk and Break Bulk Terminal, Liquid Terminal and Warehousing Facilities. As the 1st port in Malaysia to be accorded with Free Zone status, Johor Port is the appointed Free Zone Authority for the management of its Free Zone area.*

*Johor Port is the largest Palm Oil terminal in the world and was designated as an approved London Metal Exchange (LME) location in 2004. Johor Port is also one of the largest discharging points for Rice and Cocoa in Malaysia as well as being one of the biggest Terminals in Malaysia for Fertilizer and Cement.*

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### **About MMC Corporation Berhad**

MMC Corporation Berhad (MMC) is a leading utilities and infrastructure group with diversified businesses under three divisions, namely ports & logistics, energy & utilities and engineering & construction.

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

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

MMC's Engineering & Construction division has further established itself in the sector with a leading role as the Project Delivery Partner (PDP) and underground works package contractor for the 51km Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) project (Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line) and Line 2 project (Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line). Prior to this, MMC has successfully completed the 329km 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 continues to make inroads in the construction industry, securing key civil and infrastructure projects in the country namely Langat Centralised Sewerage Treatment Plant, Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant, civil and infrastructure works for RAPID Pengerang Cogeneration Plant. Additionally, MMC has a 20% effective interest in Borneo Highway PDP Sdn Bhd (BHP) which has been appointed as PDP for the Sabah Pan Borneo Highway Project.

In other businesses, MMC owns Aliran Ihsan Resources Berhad, a water treatment plant operator 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. Additionally, MMC's Group Property arm manages close to 6,000 acres of industrial developments in Iskandar Malaysia, Johor and Kulim, Kedah, namely Senai Airport City, Tanjung Bin Petrochemical & Maritime Industrial Centre (TBPMIC) and Northern Technocity in Kulim. The Senai Airport City, TBPMIC and NTC (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.

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