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NORTHPORT WINS "EXCELLENCE IN AUTOMOTIVE SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES" AWARD AT MCOTY 2024

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 January 2025 - Northport (Malaysia) Bhd ("**Northport**"), a member of MMC Group, was honoured with the "Excellence in Automotive Sustainability Management Best Practices" award at the 20th Malaysia Car of the Year ("**MCOTY**") 2024. The prestigious award event, co-organised by Mobility Media Sdn. Bhd. and the Malaysia Automotive, Robotics and IoT Institute ("**MARIi**"), an agency under the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry ("**MITI**"), was held at Perdana Hall, MITI Tower in Kuala Lumpur.

The award was presented by the Deputy Secretary General (Industry) of MITI, Datuk Hanafi Sakri to Northport's Chief Executive Officer, Fakhrul Azhar Tajudin.

MCOTY is an annual award event that recognises excellence within Malaysia's automotive industry. Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, MCOTY 2024 aims to promote and celebrate innovation, safety and technological advancements in the rapidly evolving automotive sector. Winners were selected through a rigorous judging process conducted by a distinguished panel of experts, industry specialists and experienced journalists.

"It has been a wonderful start to 2025 for Northport to win the inaugural "Excellence in Automotive Sustainability Management Best Practices" award at MCOTY 2024. This award is a great honour for Northport, as it recognises our leadership in spearheading the development of the industry's self-regulated Electric Vehicle and Battery Management ("**EVBM**") Guidelines. As a port that plays a crucial role in the import and export of vehicles, particularly electric vehicles, it is vital for Northport to collaborate closely with key industry players to establish effective guidelines that support the sustainable growth of this sector. These EVBM Guidelines provide a clear and comprehensive framework for managing electric vehicles and their batteries safely and sustainably," said Fakhrul.

The journey toward this achievement began on 14th February 2024, when Northport's proposal for self-regulated guidelines for handling electric vehicle ("**EV**") batteries was

approved during the first National EV Steering Committee meeting, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, YAB Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof.

The development of the EVBM Guidelines involved extensive collaboration. A series of workshops, focus group discussions and public consultations were conducted with industry players, Government agencies and regulators. These sessions, jointly coordinated and facilitated by MITI, Malaysia Productivity Corporation ("**MPC**"), and MARii, ensured comprehensive coverage of all aspects of EV and battery management.

The Guidelines address critical aspects associated with the handling of EVs and their batteries, covering both front-end processes, such as customer engagement, safety education, and battery care, as well as back-end processes including responsible manufacturing, transporting, storage, maintenance and disposal. This holistic approach ensures that all stages of the EV and battery lifecycle are managed effectively, promoting safety, extending battery life and minimizing environmental impact.

The EVBM Guidelines were successfully launched by the Secretary General of MITI, Dato' Hairil Yahri Yaacob, during the Electric Vehicle and Battery Management Conference held in conjunction with the International Greentech & Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia (IGEM) 2024 on 11 October 2024.

"This recognition is not just Northport's achievement alone but a testament to the power of industry collaboration in fostering the growth of our nation's automotive industry. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the distinguished panel of judges for this recognition, and extend our appreciation to MITI, MPC, MARii, other Government agencies and industry leaders who have contributed their expertise and time in developing these Guidelines. Together, we have shown that when industry stakeholders work together, we can create meaningful solutions that benefit both the automotive sector and our environment," concluded Fakhrol.



Photo caption: Northport's CEO, Fakhrul Azhar Tajudin (third from right), receiving the "Excellence in Automotive Sustainability Management Best Practices" award from Datuk Hanafi Sakri, Deputy Secretary General (Industry) of MITI (second from right) during the Malaysia Car of the Year ("MCOTY") 2024 Gala Night at Perdana Hall, MITI Tower on 16 January 2025.

From left to right: Azrul Reza Aziz, CEO of MARii, Datuk Dr Aminar Rashid Salleh, Chairman of MARii, Abdul Halim Hairuddin, Manager, HSE & Fire Rescue of Northport, Fakhrul Azhar Tajudin, CEO of Northport, Datuk Hanafi Sakri, Deputy Secretary General (Industry) of MITI and Yamin Vong, Organising Chairman of the Cars of the Year.



Photo caption: On 11 October 2024, the Secretary General of MITI, Dato' Hairil Yahri Yaacob officially launched the Electric Vehicle and Battery Management (EVBM) Guidelines during the International Greentech & Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia (IGEM) 2024 at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. From left to right: Azrul Reza Aziz, CEO of MARii, Zahid Ismail, Director General of MPC, Dato' Hairil Yahri Yaacob, Secretary General of MITI, Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof, CEO of MMC Port Holdings Sdn Bhd (MMC Ports) and Shareen Shariza Dato' Abdul Ghani, Chairperson of Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Corporation (MGTC).

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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 recipient of the "Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Practitioner with Best Integrity" Special Award at the Integrity, Governance, and Anti-corruption Awards ("AIGA") 2023, Anugerah Perdana Penarafan Bintang Sasaran Penting (APBSP) 2023 under the Key Point II category, British Safety Council's International Safety Awards (Merit) in 2023 and winner of the International Association of Ports and Harbors ("IAPH") 2022 Sustainability Award, under the Health Safety and Security category, the first Malaysian port to receive the prestigious international award from IAPH, Northport is also the winner of the Best Port Safety Management Award from the Ministry of Transport Malaysia in 2021.

Northport is the Gold Award winner of the Integrity, Governance and Anti-corruption Awards ("AIGA") 2022 and 2023, and winner of the National Occupational Safety and Health ("NOSH") Award 2020/2021 in the Business Services, Mentor-Mentee (Mentor) and the CEO of the Year (Private Sector) categories, NOSH Award 2019 in the Business Services category and 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 also holds the distinction of being the first port in Malaysia to be awarded the ISO 45001:2018 for Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems in 2019 and ISO 37001:2016 Anti-Bribery Management System (ABMS) in 2021.

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About MMC Corporation Berhad

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

Its key businesses under the Ports and Logistics division include operations and management of Pelabuhan Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd, Johor Port Berhad, Northport (Malaysia) Bhd, Penang Port Sdn Bhd, Tanjung Bruas Port Sdn Bhd, SPT Services Sdn Bhd, Andaman Port Sdn Bhd, Swettenham Pier Cruise Terminal Sdn Bhd, Port Klang Cruise Terminal Sdn Bhd and Langkawi Cruise Terminal Sdn Bhd. Additionally, the port operations are supported by two integrated business logistics solution providers, namely Kontena Nasional Berhad and KTMB Cargo Sdn Bhd. Internationally, MMC has a 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, a sustainably-driven multinational energy generation and environmental solutions company, and Gas Malaysia Berhad, a total energy solutions provider. In addition, through Aliran Ihsan

Resources Berhad, we are a pioneer in wastewater recycling technology and a water treatment specialist.

MMC's Engineering division has played a leading role in the implementation and completion of the 51 km Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit ("KVMRT") Kajang Line, including the underground works package and the entire 57.7 km KVMRT Putrajaya Line. MMC has successfully delivered several notable civil and infrastructure projects including the 329 km Ipoh-Padang Besar Electrified Double Tracking Project, the innovative Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel ("SMART") Motorway (a first of its kind, dual-purpose tunnel), Langat Centralised Sewerage Treatment Plant, Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant and Refinery and Petrochemical Integrated Development ("RAPID") Pengerang Cogeneration Plant.

MMC Land Sdn Bhd is the holding company of Senai Airport City Sdn Bhd, Seaport Worldwide Sdn Bhd and Northern Technocity Sdn Bhd, which develops and manages approximately 5,000 acres of industrial development land in Johor and Kedah, namely Senai Airport City ("SAC"), Tanjung Bin Industrial Park ("TBIP") in Iskandar Malaysia, and Northern Technocity ("NTC") in Kulim, Kedah. The three (3) developments of SAC, TBIP and NTC provides ready platform and basic infrastructure, and is well connected to major expressway, seaports and airports, targeting clean and hi-tech multinational companies (MNCs), Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) & Domestic Direct Investment (DDI).

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

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