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# WAN HAI AND INTERASIA ACHIEVE TWO MILLION TEUs AT NORTHPORT

**PORT KLANG, 19 December 2024** - Northport (Malaysia) Bhd ("Northport), a member of MMC Group, celebrated a historic milestone today as the Taiwan-based shipping lines, Wan Hai Lines (M) Sdn. Bhd. ("Wan Hai") and Interasia Lines (M) Sdn. Bhd. ("Interasia") successfully achieved a combined throughput of two million TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) in a single year at Northport.

"Wan Hai has recorded remarkable growth since achieving its one million TEUs milestone in 2015 at Northport. Meanwhile, Interasia has established a strong presence and is steadily increasing their market share at Northport. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to both Wan Hai and Interasia on this significant achievement of two million TEUs. This milestone reflects the growing strength and potential of Intra-Asia trade, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to support the expansion plans of our partners." said Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof, Chief Executive Officer of MMC Port Holdings Sdn Bhd ("MMC Ports").

Wan Hai commenced its Singapore/Malaysia service at Northport, (then known as Klang Container Terminal or KCT) in 1989 and has grown significantly ever since, now being Northport's biggest customer in terms of container throughput. Meanwhile, Interasia commenced operations at Northport with the introduction of its Indonesia/Malaysia Express service in 2006. Today, Interasia is one of Northport's top customers.

The Chief Representative of Wan Hai Lines Malaysia, Marvin Lin, said, "Northport and Wan Hai have shared a strong partnership since 1989, navigating decades of growth and challenges together, particularly in the aftermath of the pandemic. During this time, the global shipping industry experienced significant changes, including fluctuations in space availability and container supply, which presented new challenges. Wan Hai and Northport have worked hand in hand to adapt and address these challenges effectively."

He added, "Port Klang remains a crucial transshipment hub for Wan Hai, and we are delighted to celebrate this remarkable achievement of two million TEUs with Northport. With the addition of our newly built vessels in the coming years, we are confident that

Wan Hai and Northport will continue to grow and embark on an exciting new chapter together."

Meanwhile, President of Interasia Lines Taiwan, Jeff Lo said, "Interasia Lines deeply appreciates the consistent support and excellent service provided by Northport throughout our partnership. Over the years, Northport has demonstrated a strong commitment to operational excellence, making it an important partner in our growth journey. We remain enthusiastic and optimistic about the future, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with Northport and MMC Ports to achieve even greater success together".

Wan Hai currently has 15 services calling at Northport, while Interasia has 11 services calling at Northport with various partner groups including Wan Hai, KMTCL Line (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., Sinokor Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., Unifeeder Malaysia Sdn. Bhd., COSCO SHIPPING Lines (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, BTL Shipping & Forwarding Sdn. Bhd. and Ocean Network Express (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. From January to November 2024, Wan Hai and Interasia recorded throughput growth of 11% and 15%, respectively, at Northport compared to the same period in 2023.

"This achievement is a testament to Northport's importance as one of the main ports in the region. The growth also highlights Wan Hai and Interasia's successful expansion and strong maritime logistics strategy. We are committed to providing top-tier port services and facilities to achieve continuous productivity improvement to support our customers' growth," added Dato' Azman.

Northport continues to invest in infrastructure and facilities to remain competitive in the global maritime industry. Recently, Northport announced the acquisition of four units of Super Post Panamax Container Handling Ship-To-Shore Gantry Crane from Shanghai Zhenhua Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. to enhance its terminal handling capacity and improve operational efficiency.

"Our continued commitment on enhancing port infrastructure and facilities demonstrates our unwavering dedication to meeting the evolving needs of global shipping lines. We aim to create a seamless experience for our customers, enabling them to benefit from increased productivity, operational excellence and improved connectivity," said Dato' Azman.

Dato' Azman, the former CEO of Northport, assumed his new position within MMC Group as CEO of MMC Ports, effective 1 December 2024. MMC Ports is a holding company for its subsidiaries that operate five ports across Peninsular Malaysia, namely Port of Tanjung Pelepas and Johor Port in Johor, Northport in Selangor, Penang Port in Penang and Tanjung Bruas Port in Melaka.

The business of MMC Ports and its subsidiaries also includes a solid product jetty terminal in Johor, ship-to-ship transfer services in Port of Yan in Kedah, and cruise terminals in Penang, Port Klang and Langkawi.



*Photo caption: Chief Executive Officer of Northport, Fakhrul Azhar Tajudin (seventh from left), Director of Wan Hai Lines, Ted Chen (eight from left), President of Interasia Lines Taiwan, Jeff Lo (sixth from left), Chairman of Port Klang Authority, Ean Yong Hian Wah (seventh from right) and General Manager of Port Klang Authority, Capt. K. Subramaniam (fifth from left), together with guests celebrating the achievement of two million TEUs by Wan Hai and Interasia at Northport on 19 December 2024.*

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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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