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NORTHPORT BREAKS CONTAINER AND CONVENTIONAL CARGO ANNUAL RECORDS WITH A MONTH TO SPARE

POR T KLANG, 3 December 2024 - Northport (Malaysia) Bhd ("Northport"), a member of MMC Group, has achieved new annual throughput records in both its container and conventional cargo business segments. As of 27 November 2024, Northport handled a total of 3,328,508 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) of containers, surpassing its previous annual record of 3,324,364 TEUs set in 2021. A day later, on 28 November 2024, the Company also broke its conventional cargo record, handling 11,434,814 FWTs (Freight Weight Tonnes), exceeding the previous annual record of 11,405,312 FWTs achieved in 2023.

"The year 2024 has been challenging for the port and shipping industry, driven by global factors such as geopolitical tensions in the Red Sea region. These disruptions have significantly impacted global trade routes and port operations, prompting liners to make ad-hoc calls to other ports. Despite these challenges, with an increase in ad-hoc calls and the introduction of new services calling at Northport, we are proud to have achieved extraordinary milestones in both container and conventional cargo throughput with record breaking performance in 2024, with one month still to go," said Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof, former CEO of Northport, who has assumed a new position within MMC Group as CEO of MMC Port Holdings Sdn Bhd (MMC Ports), effective 1 December 2024.

Northport has marked a historic year in 2024 with remarkable achievements across its container and conventional cargo operations. In March 2024, Northport set a new record for the highest break bulk cargo handling from a single vessel through the successful handling of 48,853 FWTs of steel cargo from a conventional cargo vessel, MV Jin Chao. This surpassed its previous record of 47,246 FWTs, handled from MV Wu Yi Hai in May 2022.

Northport also welcomed the largest ever container vessel to berth at its facilities, MV OOCL Japan, on 20 May 2024. The vessel boasts a capacity of 21,413 TEUs, surpassing the previous largest ship to call at Northport, Eugen Maersk, which had a capacity of 11,000 TEUs in 2013.

In May 2024, Northport achieved another milestone, handling 335,361 TEUs, the highest monthly container throughput in its history at the time. The port's achievements continued with a double record-breaking performance in July 2024, as Northport recorded its highest-ever monthly container throughput of 354,548 TEUs, surpassing the May 2024 record. Meanwhile, its conventional cargo segment handled 1,143,318 FWTs, breaking the previous monthly record of 1,129,145 FWTs set in October 2023.

The momentum carried into August 2024, with Northport breaking records for the second consecutive month. The Company achieved a historic monthly container throughput of 365,558 TEUs, surpassing the July 2024 milestone. Northport also broke its conventional cargo monthly record, handling 1,145,021 FWTs, exceeding the previous month's performance.

In September 2024, Northport once again set a new record for the highest break bulk cargo handling from a single vessel with the handling of 52,480 FWTs of steel cargo from a conventional cargo vessel, MV African Blackbird. This achievement surpassed its previous record of 48,853 FWTs set in March 2024.

Over the last three years, Northport has consistently delivered record-breaking performances in both its container and conventional cargo segments. In 2021, the Company achieved an all-time high container throughput with 3,324,364 TEUs, surpassing the previous record of 3,305,764 TEUs set in 2010. In 2022, Northport set another milestone in its conventional cargo business segment, handling 11,115,670 FWTs, the highest conventional cargo achievement in a single year since 2000. Last year, the Company successfully surpassed its 2022 conventional cargo record, achieving a new high of 11,405,312 FWTs.

"I am incredibly proud of TeamNorthport for the exceptional achievements we have accomplished together. All the improvements, enhancements and innovations that we have carried out during our Reinventing Northport programme since 2016 in our quest to be a Safer, Greener, Smarter and Better port has led to success after success. These milestones would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication of our employees, the continued trust and support of our customers, and the invaluable collaboration with our stakeholders. With their continued support, we look forward to closing the year on a high note, laying the foundation for more success in the future," said Dato' Azman.



Photo caption: Northport successfully achieved new records in both its container and conventional cargo business segments in 2024. As of 27 November 2024, Northport handled a total of 3,328,508 TEUs of containers, surpassing its previous annual record of 3,324,364 TEUs set in 2021. A day later, on 28 November 2024, Northport broke its conventional cargo record, handling 11,434,814 FWTs, exceeding the previous annual record of 11,405,312 FWTs achieved in 2023.

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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, MMC’s 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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