

## **NORTHPORT ORGANISES EV HANDLING TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR CAR-CARRIER DRIVERS**

**PORT KLANG, 24 April 2025** - Northport (Malaysia) Bhd (“Northport”), a member of MMC Group, in collaboration with the Center for Logistics Leadership in Business (“CLLB”) Sdn Bhd and KPX Sdn Bhd (“KPX”), organised a training programme for car-carrier drivers aimed at enhancing the safety and operational efficiency in the handling and transportation of electric vehicles (“EV”). The Car Carrier Driver Training Programme for EV Handling was officially launched by the Minister of Transport, YB Anthony Loke Siew Fook, during a ceremony held at the Port Klang Cruise Terminal in Pulau Indah, Port Klang.

The programme, spearheaded by Northport, is designed to equip car-carrier drivers with the essential knowledge and practical skills required for the safe and efficient handling of EVs. The first batch of the training programme attracted 22 participants, comprising drivers and supervisors from 5 car-carrier companies. KPX, a strategic partner of CLLB, conducted the one-day training session.

“The launch of this Car-Carrier Driver Training Programme for EV Handling is both timely and commendable. As we accelerate the adoption of EVs in Malaysia, it is imperative that we prepare our industry and workforce to handle the associated logistical challenges, particularly ensuring the safe and efficient transport of EVs from ports to showrooms and customers nationwide”, said YB Anthony Loke during his speech at the launch event.

The training programme is part of the Electric Vehicle and Battery Management Guidelines (Industry Self-Regulation) (“EVBM Guidelines”) initiative, launched on 11 October 2024 during the International Greentech and Eco Products Exhibition and Conference Malaysia (“IGEM”) 2024 by Dato' Hairil Yahri Yaacob, Secretary General of the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (“MITI”).

“Having been directly involved in the development of the EVBM Guidelines from the beginning, I am pleased to see this initiative being expanded with the launch of this training programme. I am confident that Northport will continue to work closely with the relevant Ministries and strategic partners to achieve the objectives of establishing a safe and sustainable EV ecosystem,” said Dato' Azman Shah Mohd Yusof, Chief Executive Officer of MMC Port Holdings Sdn Bhd.

The programme covers key topics including EV-associated hazards, basic EV mechanics, state of charge, thermal runaway, fire risks, safe loading and unloading procedures, lashing and securing techniques, pre-journey inspections and safe driving practices. A practical component was also included, allowing drivers to gain hands-on experience in applying safety procedures and best practices.

“This programme offers a comprehensive curriculum, combining both theoretical and practical training to ensure that participants are fully equipped with the critical knowledge and skills required for EV handling. By leveraging our experience and collaborating with CLLB and KPX, this initiative reflects our commitment to advancing and supporting the EV logistics ecosystem,” said Fakhru Azhar Tajudin, Chief Executive Officer of Northport.

The Car-Carrier Driver Training Programme for EV Handling was coordinated by Northport through its training centre, the Northport International Centre of Excellence (“NICE”), in collaboration with CLLB and KPX. Established in 2014, NICE is an HRD Corp-accredited training centre and was appointed as a Pusat Latihan Bertauliah on 1 October 2023. CLLB, a HRD Corp registered training provider in Malaysia and pioneer in logistics and supply chain training since 2003, delivers industry-driven, globally accredited programs through the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) that support sustainable development and empower professionals across Asia. KPX is a road transport safety specialist that provides consultancy and training services to logistics and oil and gas companies throughout Malaysia and Southeast Asia.

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Photo caption: Yang Berhormat Anthony Loke Siew Fook, Minister of Transport Malaysia (centre) together with Northport's strategic partners and participants of the training programme, at Port Klang Cruise Terminal on 24 April 2025.

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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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