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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **PORT KLANG AUTHORITY ATTAINS ANTI-BRIBERY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION AND SEEKS TO WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO COMBAT CORRUPTION IN THE MARITIME INDUSTRY**

**PORT KLANG, JUNE 8, 2023** - Port Klang Authority (PKA) reached a significant milestone in the fight against corruption within the maritime industry today, as it was awarded the Certificate of Compliance for the Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ABMS) ISO 37001:2016. This marks a crucial step towards eradicating corruption and fostering a culture of integrity, transparency, and trust within Malaysia's ports which are the main gateways and lifelines for the nation's trade and economy.

The ABMS ISO 37001:2016 certification recognizes PKA's commitment to prevent, detect and address bribery cases. It demonstrates our dedication to operate at the highest level of integrity and reinforces our pledge to provide efficient and transparent services to stakeholders in the maritime and logistics sectors. PKA's achievement sets a benchmark for other port authorities and industry players to follow, as we work together to combat corruption and enhance the reputation of the maritime industry.

During the ceremony, PKA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with several government agencies responsible for ship and cargo clearance in ports, terminal operators and industry players to strengthen stakeholder collaboration in the fight against corruption. The MoU underlines the signatories' commitment to work together, sharing information, knowledge, expertise, and intelligence besides conducting joint investigations to combat corrupt practices within the maritime industry.

The signatories, some who are already certified as ABMS compliant, also agreed to work together to promote advocacy and awareness and encourage the reporting of bribery cases and abuse of power to the authorities with a clear whistle blower protection policy in place.

The stakeholders from government agencies are the Malaysian Marine Department, and the Port Klang Health Office. Northport (Malaysia) Bhd, Westports Malaysia Sdn Bhd and Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) as terminal and free zone operators also participated alongside several associations representing port users viz the Shipping

Association of Malaysia (SAM), Malaysian Shipowners' Association (MASA), Central Region Shipping Association (CRSA), Selangor Freight Forwarders & Logistics Association (SFFLA), Malaysia Freight Forwarders Association (MAFFA) and the Association of Malaysian Hauliers (AMH) underlining strong public private collaboration.

The ceremony was officiated and witnessed by YB. Loke Siew Fook, Minister of Transport along with YBhg. Dato' Razali bin Mohamad, Deputy Secretary General (Management), Ministry of Transport, YBhg. Dato' Indera Junipah binti Wandu, Deputy Chief Commissioner (Management and Professionalism), Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission, YBhg. Dato' Indera Dr. Hj Ahmad Sabirin Arshad, President and Group Chief Executive Sirim Berhad and Capt. K. Subramaniam, General Manager of Port Klang Authority. Guests included senior officers and representatives from government agencies, domestic and international shipping lines, freight forwarding companies, logistics operators as well as exporters and importers.

Speaking at the event, YB. Loke Siew Fook highlighted the crucial role of the maritime industry in uplifting Malaysia's economy and the need for the industry to rid of illegal practices. He emphasized the importance of collaboration between the public and private sectors to effectively combat corruption and raise the confidence level of international investors. He further added that as a council member of the International Maritime Organisation, it is incumbent upon Malaysia to bring about positive changes to the maritime industry regionally and globally.

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