

Media Release



SMEC's Parent Company, Surbana Jurong, to Collaborate with City of Townsville to Boost Regional Growth and Rejuvenation

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SMEC's parent company, Surbana Jurong Private Limited, has today signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with the City of Townsville. The aim of the MOC is to develop Townsville into a vibrant, smart and connected hub.

Under the MOC, Surbana Jurong will collaborate with the City of Townsville on economic, community and social innovation focused initiatives, including providing consultancy on the digitisation of Townsville and growing aviation links to Singapore.

The MOC signing was followed by a luncheon hosted by Townsville Enterprise Limited and attended by Townsville government, business representatives and Mr Wong Heang Fine, Group CEO of Surbana Jurong.

Mr Wong said, "The cooperation between Surbana Jurong and the City of Townsville is reflective of the strong relations between Australia and Singapore. Townsville is a city with immense potential. The building of defence training facilities near Townsville under the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative will provide the seed for the City's development, from defence-support services, to logistics, transport, R&R facilities and tourism."

Wong added, "Surbana Jurong, through its member company SMEC, has been involved in various projects in Townsville for over fifteen years. With today's MOC, we are further committed to Townsville's long-term growth, and are indeed very excited to partner Townsville in its journey towards a digitised, connected world-class city. We are pleased to offer our experience to support the City's urban renewal and generate sustainable economic growth for its residents."

Through its member company SMEC, Surbana Jurong has deep local knowledge. SMEC's experience in Townsville spans over 15 years, and boasts the delivery of major projects on the Bruce and Flinders Highways, the Northern Rail Line and Port of Townsville, and was most recently appointed as engineer for the Houghton Pipeline Duplication Project.

Graeme Pollock, Area Manager Northern, SMEC said "As locals ourselves, SMEC is committed to seeing Townsville prosper, and local businesses and workers benefit. As part of the Surbana Jurong Group, SMEC's traditional

design has been strengthened with complementary capabilities, including planning and development expertise. We see this MOC opening doors to bringing more opportunities to Townsville.”

Cr Jenny Hill, Mayor of the City of Townsville said, “These initiatives will see our city become a hive of innovation, allowing us to attract new businesses with new jobs in growth areas. We’re looking forward to cooperating with Surbana Jurong on making it happen.”

About SMEC

From origins on the Snowy Mountains Scheme, SMEC has grown into a company with a worldwide presence, combining global experience with local expertise to deliver engineering excellence and design innovation to our clients.

SMEC’s integrated services contribute to national development in some of the world’s fastest growing economies, and since its formation, SMEC has delivered thousands of projects in over 100 countries. Today, SMEC is consistently recognised for project delivery, technical excellence and design innovation by the world’s leading engineering bodies.

SMEC is a member of the Surbana Jurong Group. www.smec.com

About Surbana Jurong Private Limited

Surbana Jurong Private Limited (SJ) is one of the largest Asia-based urban, industrial and infrastructure consulting firms. Leveraging technology and creativity, SJ provides one-stop consultancy solutions across the entire value chain of the urbanisation, industrialisation and infrastructure domains.

Headquartered in Singapore, the SJ Group has a global workforce of 13,500 employees in more than 120 offices across over 40 countries in Asia, Australia, UK, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas, and an annual turnover of around S\$1.5 billion.

SJ has a track record of over 50 years, and has built more than a million homes in Singapore, crafted master plans for more than 30 countries and developed over 50 industrial parks globally.

SJ’s motto ‘Building Cities, Shaping Lives’ reflects its belief that development is more than just steel and concrete. SJ creates spaces and designs infrastructure where people live, work and play, shaping cities into homes with sustainable jobs where communities and businesses can flourish. www.surbanajurong.com

About City of Townsville

Townsville is the largest city in Northern Australia, is the gateway to mining and agricultural regions, and is perfectly positioned as Australia’s gateway to Asia. The city holds a number of opportunities for investment, development and business.

Townsville City Council are committed to delivering quality services to facilitate sustainable growth through inspired leadership, community engagement and sound financial management. www.townsville.qld.gov.au/

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