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INTERNATIONAL DESALINATION ASSOCIATION AND PUB SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION IN TRAINING AND EDUCATION

SINGAPORE, July 2, 2012 – The International Desalination Association (IDA) and PUB, Singapore’s national water agency, today signed an agreement to explore opportunities for mutual cooperation in promising areas of training and education regarding water. IDA recently launched its new Desalination Academy, which will hold its inaugural courses at this year’s Singapore International Water Week. PUB’s Academy@WaterHub supports the training and development needs of Singapore’s water industry.

The possible areas of collaboration under this MOU include training and education in desalination and water reuse, and the organization of IDA Desalination Academy training programs held alongside key conferences such as Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) and the Saudi Water and Power Forum, Jeddah, where the Academy will hold its next set of training courses.

The MOU also allows for PUB to tap into the roster of Master Teachers who are members of the IDA Desalination Academy’s faculty for desalination and water reuse training courses for the Asia-Pacific region. Likewise, PUB would provide speakers to share insights into Singapore’s Public-Private-Partnership approach on Desalination or Water Reuse in IDA’s training courses and host technical tours to PUB facilities.

“IDA and PUB have established a long-standing, valued and close working relationship. We look forward to exploring ways to further strengthen our alliance through educational programs that will benefit both Singapore and the international desalination community,” said Patricia A. Burke, IDA’s Secretary General.

“This collaboration will tap on the synergies between IDA and PUB to bring more training and development opportunities for the global water community, particularly in the areas of desalination and water reuse practices and technologies. We welcome IDA to conduct courses at WaterHub,” said Mr Ng Han Tong, Director, WaterHub at PUB.

About PUB

PUB is a statutory board under the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources. It is the water agency that manages Singapore’s water supply, water catchment and used water in an integrated way.

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About PUB's tagline: Water for All: Conserve, Value, Enjoy

PUB has ensured a diversified and sustainable supply of water for Singapore with the Four National Taps (local catchment water, imported water, NEWater, desalinated water).

To provide water for all, PUB calls on all to play our part to conserve water, keep our water catchments and waterways clean and build a relationship with water so we can enjoy our water resources. If we all play our part, we can have enough water for all our needs – for industry, for living, for life.

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About IDA

The International Desalination Association (www.idadesal.org) is a non-profit association that serves more than 2,400 core members in 60 countries and reaches an additional 4,000 affiliate members. Its membership comprises scientists, end-users, engineers, consultants and researchers from governments, corporations and academia. IDA is associated with the United Nations as part of a growing international network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

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