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WORLD CITIES SUMMIT CLOSES ON A HIGH WITH DEALS AND PARTNERSHIPS ANNOUNCED

New collaborations forged between industry and governments to shape the future of sustainable cities worldwide

SINGAPORE, 5 July 2012 - The World Cities Summit, a premier global event for world leaders and key industry players to address challenges and develop integrated solutions for sustainable cities, ended on a high note with new landmark deals signed, record participation and a call for cities to focus more on integrated solutions. The event was held in Singapore from 1 to 4 July 2012.

With a stronger business focus this year, the Summit saw the fruition of several significant collaborations and partnerships between the public and private sector, affirming its position as a networking platform of choice for governments from around the world and across the integrated solutions industry.

In a contract signing ceremony, Singapore firm Surbana International Consultants Pte Ltd was appointed by the Republic of Rwanda for the master planning of Kigali, the capital city of Rwanda, marking the first time a Singapore urban planning company has broken into the Rwandan market. A groundbreaking Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was also signed between Singapore's Housing & Development Board (HDB), Electricité de France (EDF) and VEOLIA Environnement Recherche et Innovation (Veolia) to work on a complex Systems Model, which will help HDB develop sustainable, urban planning solutions in HDB towns. This is the first MOU between a Singapore public agency and EDF.

In addition, WaterTech Group from Singapore signed a joint venture agreement with PT Bumi Laksmana Jaya, the state-owned company of Bengkalis,

Indonesia, to implement eco-engineering projects in Bengkalis. Panasonic Asia Pacific used the World Cities Summit as a platform to announce the establishment of its first Energy Solutions Development Centre in Singapore, while IBM, the Urban Redevelopment Authority and the Economic Development Board signed the grant agreement for the IBM Smarter Cities Challenge 2012, awarded for Jurong Lake District. JURONG Consultants (a member of JURONG International) was appointed by the Suining city government to provide an industrial positioning study and master planning consultancy services for the Suining Economic Development Zone and Creative Industrial Park in China.

“I am particularly delighted that a number of significant public-private partnerships have been signed at this year’s World Cities Summit,” said Mr Ng Lang, Chief Executive Officer of the Urban Redevelopment Authority. “This reflects the growing importance of the Summit as a platform for networking and business opportunities, bringing government and industry leaders from around the world together, to discuss challenges and share best practices for building liveable and sustainable cities of the future.”

Refer to [Annex A](#) for a list of major announcements made and partnerships signed at the World Cities Summit.

Thought leadership for the future of cities

World leaders and experts acknowledged at this year’s Summit that cities are the new centres for growth and innovation, and complex urbanisation challenges can be turned into opportunities to transform cities and lives.

The Summit established that in order to harness the forces of urbanisation, the way forward for cities is to develop good governance and to build strong partnerships between governments, companies, citizens and across cities. More importantly, the 3,000 urban leaders agreed that stronger integration across

urban planning, development, governance and technology solutions is urgently needed to address urbanisation challenges in a more holistic, efficient way.

Record participation

This third edition of the World Cities Summit is the biggest ever global event for sustainable cities so far. From 1 to 4 July at Marina Bay Sands, the Summit, was co-located with the Singapore International Water Week and the CleanEnviro Summit Singapore for the first time ever. Record attendance was achieved: 18,000 delegates from 104 countries/regions, including ministers, government officials, top industry leaders, academics and representatives from international organisations visited the Summit. The World Cities Summit Expo featured cutting-edge technologies and best practices from over 28 cities and 130 companies over the four-day period. The World Cities Summit Mayors Forum, a key highlight of the Summit, had the largest ever participation of over 100 mayors, more than half of whom were new attendees from China, Russia, India and countries from ASEAN, Africa and South America. The Mayors discussed challenges and innovative solutions to build liveable cities.

Touching on the future direction of the World Cities Summit, Mr Khoo Teng Chye, Executive Director of the Centre for Liveable Cities added: “As cities today consider water and waste management solutions in the context of liveability and sustainability, the Summit will strengthen its role as an integrated platform addressing dynamic governance, master planning and leading urban solutions in the future. In addition, the World Cities Summit Mayors Forum 2013 will be hosted by Bilbao, Spain, the inaugural winner of the Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize. This marks the first time ever that this Forum is going to another country, demonstrating that it is gaining traction internationally and is garnering external interest.”

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About the World Cities Summit

The World Cities Summit is a premier global platform for world leaders and experts to exchange new ideas on liveable and sustainable urban solutions, explore the latest technologies and forge new business partnerships. Based on the theme of “Liveable And Sustainable Cities – Integrated Urban Solutions”, the third edition of the Summit is expected to share new insights and trends on urbanisation challenges around the world. For more information, visit www.worldcitiessummit.com.sg

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Annex A

ANNOUNCEMENTS AT WORLD CITIES SUMMIT 2012

Announcements	Details
<p>HDB ties up with EDF and Veolia on complex systems modelling to develop sustainable, urban planning solutions</p>	<p>The Housing & Development Board (HDB) is the first public agency in Singapore to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Electricité de France (EDF) and VEOLIA Environnement Recherche et Innovation (Veolia) to work on a complex Systems Model, which will help HDB develop sustainable, urban planning solutions in HDB towns. The MOU signifies HDB's commitment to constantly explore new technologies to promote sustainable, urban planning solutions for the heartland.</p>
<p>Rwanda's Capital City Appoints Surbana as Master Planning Consultant</p>	<p>The City Council of Kigali, the capital City of the Republic of Rwanda announced the appointment of Singapore's Surbana International Consultants for the provision of master planning services for its entire city area at the sidelines of the World Cities Summit 2012.</p> <p>Surbana Urban Planning Group (SUPG) is one of Singapore's largest urban planning and design specialists and has a unique track record of master planning all 26 townships in Singapore. SUPG was first appointed to do the master plan for Kigali City's Central Business District and of the three sub-districts of the city in 2009, before being awarded this contract to undertake master planning for the entire capital city. The master plan is expected to be completed by early 2013. It is the first Singapore urban planning company to break into the Rwandan market.</p>
<p>Panasonic Establishes Its First Energy Solutions Development Centre in Singapore</p>	<p>Panasonic Asia Pacific announced the establishment of its first Energy Solutions Development Centre in Singapore during the World Cities Summit 2012. The R&D centre will look into integrating technologies for creating, storing, saving and managing energy, to develop total energy solutions. The aim is to make Singapore the launch pad for solutions development that can be commercially expanded to the region, and subsequently to the rest of the world.</p>

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<p>Singapore's Jurong Lake District named by IBM as Smarter Cities Challenge Grant Recipient for 2012</p>	<p>Jurong Lake District has been selected as one of the recipients for the IBM Smarter Cities Challenge grant for 2012. The Smarter Cities Challenge grant will allow URA, EDB and their partner agencies, to work with a team of IBM experts to explore innovative solutions to enhance Jurong Lake District as a smart, sustainable, and connected high-density district.</p> <p>IBM, the Urban Redevelopment Authority and the Economic Development Board signed the grant agreement for the IBM Smarter Cities Challenge 2012 awarded for Jurong Lake District on 3 July 2012.</p>
<p>WaterTech Group signs a Joint Venture agreement with PT Bumi Laksmana Jaya, the state-owned company of Bengkalis</p>	<p>A joint venture between WaterTech Group, a Singapore environmental engineering company and PT Bumi Laksmana Jaya, the state-owned company of the State of Bengkalis, Indonesia, was signed at the World Cities Summit on 1 July 2012. The joint venture will concentrate on immediate projects to improve the living environment of the residents in the various districts in Bengkalis, and boost the living standards of the people there, as well as give an added boost to the economy of Bengkalis.</p>
<p>Jurong Consultants awarded Master Planning Contract by Suining City Government</p>	<p>Jurong Consultants will provide a strategic plan for the industrial development of Suining's urban area, and study how it can be integrated with the regional planning of the Chengdu-Chongqing Economic Zone to form a major economic center of western China in the next few decades. They will also develop the land use plans for the expansion zones of the city's urban area, by utilizing the city's hilly terrain, water resources and cultural heritage, to create an ecological and sustainable plan that is unique to the city.</p>