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PROGRESS OF SINGAPORE DTSS (PHASE 2) T-08 SECTION PROJECT – IN COOPERATION WITH PENTA-OCEAN CONSTRUCTION

- *To explore large-scale, sustainable projects such as the redevelopment of coastal areas and projects of environmental protective measures in Singapore*



PUB Project Safety Recognition Awards Ceremony 2022

SINGAPORE, 14 March 2024 – SGX Catalist-listed sustainable engineering solutions provider, Koh Brothers Eco Engineering Limited (許兄弟生态工程有限公司) (“**Koh Brothers Eco**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”), is pleased to announce that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Koh Brothers Building & Civil Engineering Contractor (Pte.) Ltd. (“**KBCE**”), an engineering company engaged in civil engineering and construction work, water treatment and wastewater treatment projects which was founded in 1966, and its joint venture partner, Penta-Ocean Construction Co., Ltd (“**Penta-Ocean**”), have been working on Contract T-08 of the Deep Tunnel Sewerage System (“**DTSS**”) Phase 2 project, specifically, relating to the section from South Tunnel at Tuas Road and Industrial Tunnel at Pioneer Road to the Tuas Water Reclamation Plant that will span 10 kilometres, which is about to be completed successfully.

It has been about three years since Penta-Ocean’s President, Takuzo Shimizu, and Koh Brothers Eco’s Non-Executive and Non-Independent Chairman, Francis Koh, started working together as equity partners on 8 June 2021, when Penta-Ocean made an investment into approximately 28.74% of Koh Brothers Eco.

In 2017, the joint venture established by KBCE and Penta-Ocean (“**POKB JV**”) received an order from Singapore’s Public Utilities Board (“**PUB**”) to complete a total of 4 shield tunnels, totalling 10 km in length, including 2 undersea tunnels, in the T-08 section project, ahead of other section projects. The disaster-free time exceeded 10 million hours in 2023 and is still ongoing. In 2022, POKB JV was awarded the PUB Construction Safety Award 2022, which is the highest honour among all construction sites of PUB, for the project progress and safety management.

In terms of quality, POKB JV collaborated with G & W Ready-Mix, a subsidiary of Koh Brothers Group Limited, to develop and manufacture sulphur-resistant acid concrete resistant to sulphide gas generated in sewer tunnels and had successfully placed the concrete for the first time in Singapore. This is expected to significantly contribute to maintaining the quality and improving the service life of sewer pipes in Singapore.



Tuas Corrosion Protection Lining

Over the past 60 years since 1964, Penta-Ocean has participated in several large-scale projects in Singapore, from marine civil engineering works such as reclamation and construction of container terminals, to land-based civil engineering works such as subways and highways, to construction works such as landmark commercial facilities and large-scale hospitals.

“KBCE as one of the leading construction companies in Singapore with the highest grade qualifications for civil engineering and construction work as well as machinery and equipment, is proud of our achievements in the Marina East desalination project, Marina Barrage, the Changi Water Treatment Facility, and Bugis Station on the MRT Downtown Line, with expertise in land civil engineering works such as the construction of underground walls. Together, Penta-Ocean and Koh Brothers Eco will contribute to the sustainable development of Singapore through sustainable construction business activities from an ESG perspective, which in turn will contribute to the sustainable growth of both companies,” said Non-Executive and Non-Independent Chairman, Francis Koh.

“The two companies are now working together on tenders for land civil engineering work in Singapore, and have begun human resource exchanges, with promising Koh Brothers Eco’s employees participating in a three-month training programme in Japan and interacting with our young employees in Japan. The synergy effects of the capital alliance are steadily showing. In the civil engineering field in Singapore, large-scale projects such as the redevelopment of coastal areas in the south and projects of protective measures for sea level rise are expected to continue. I am confident that we will further strengthen our business base in the civil engineering field in Singapore by leveraging our respective strengths,” said President Takuzo Shimizu, Penta-Ocean.



Location map of the T-08 construction zone for the phase 2 of DTSS

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About Koh Brothers Eco Engineering Limited

Listed on the Singapore Exchange (“**SGX**”) in 2006, Koh Brothers Eco Engineering Limited (“**Koh Brothers Eco**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) is a sustainable engineering solutions group that provides engineering, procurement and construction (“**EPC**”) services for water and wastewater treatment, hydro-engineering, bio-refinery and bio-energy projects as well as engineering and construction services, specialising in providing building and civil engineering construction and infrastructure works.

Incorporated in Singapore in 1975, Koh Brothers Eco started out by providing EPC services for water and wastewater treatment projects as well as hydro-engineering projects. Its principal market is in Asia with projects from both the public and private sectors.

The Group’s engineering and construction division under Koh Brothers Building & Civil Engineering Contractor (Pte.) Ltd. (“**KBCE**”), which holds the A1 grade from the Building and Construction Authority (“**BCA**”) for both building and civil engineering categories, possesses capabilities in building and civil engineering construction. The BCA A1 grade allows KBCE to tender for building and civil infrastructure projects of unlimited value. KBCE, which enjoys a long and rich corporate history, has a strong track record ranging from design and build to general construction for residential, commercial and institutional buildings and infrastructure works. KBCE is also a BCA L6 – (ME11) graded contractor which enables it to tender for public mechanical engineering projects of unlimited value.

Over the years, KBCE has participated in projects by various public sector agencies such as the BCA, Housing & Development Board (“**HDB**”), PUB, Singapore’s National Water Agency, Urban Redevelopment Authority (“**URA**”), Land Transport Authority (“**LTA**”) and Changi Airport Group (“**CAG**”).

Some of KBCE's major infrastructure projects include the Punggol Waterway awarded by HDB, the iconic Marina Barrage, Geylang River Make Over, Changi Water Reclamation Plant (Phase 1), and Jurong Water Reclamation Plant by PUB, the Common Service Tunnel by URA, Downtown Line 1 Bugis Station by LTA and the retention pond at Changi Airport by CAG. In addition, through a joint venture with Samsung C&T Corporation, KBCE secured a landmark S\$1.12 billion project from CAG for development works to effect three-runway operations at Changi Airport.

Other landmark building projects by KBCE include Building and Electrical works at Jurong West Neighbourhood 6 Contract; Building works at Chua Chu Kang Neighbourhood 4 Contract awarded by HDB; New Halls of Residence at Nanyang Avenue for Nanyang Technological University and the development of River Valley High School and a hostel at Boon Lay Avenue, both commissioned by the Ministry of Education; Design and Build projects for the Provost & Armour Cluster in Kranji Camp and Keat Hong Camp, both awarded by the Ministry of Defence; and the construction of the Singapore Civil Defence Force Headquarters Complex at Ubi Avenue 4 commissioned by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Group's Bio-Refinery and Renewal Energy division under Oiltek International Limited specialises in a full range of conventional edible oil process plants as well as biodiesel, pre-treatment and winter fuel plants. Through its subsidiary, Oiltek Global Energy Sdn. Bhd., it also designs, builds and supplies biogas recovery systems to palm oil mill effluent plants in Malaysia and Indonesia.

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