



## **SCC's Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal to become Singapore's first solar-powered ferry terminal**



1 March 2017, Singapore - From June 2017, Singapore Cruise Centre's (SCC) Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal (TMFT) will become Singapore's first solar-powered ferry terminal. Under an agreement with Sunseap Group, SCC will buy 100 per cent of TMFT's energy requirements via a hybrid offer that allows SCC to utilise solar power and supply from the grid.

The hybrid offer is uniquely structured around Sunseap's capabilities as a licensed wholesaler (generation) and an electricity retailer.

Sunseap will develop a 650 kiloWatt-peak (kWp) solar photovoltaic (PV) system that will be placed atop the ferry terminal. This allows TMFT to fulfill about one-third of its daytime energy requirements. At the same time, Sunseap will also supply grid electricity to TMFT to supplement the intermittent source.

Ms Christina Siaw, SCC's CEO, said: "As Singapore's leading operator of cruise and ferry terminals, SCC believes in embracing sustainability in our operations and harnessing technology to do so whenever possible. The deal with Sunseap will allow us to tap solar power but still be assured of stability of energy supply to keep our terminal running smoothly. At the same time, we are reducing carbon footprint and achieving savings on our electricity bills."

Falling prices in solar modules in recent years have triggered a phenomenon known as grid parity, where the cost of generating solar electricity is equal or lower than that of conventional sources. At the same time, the Singapore government is encouraging businesses and households to go green and has announced plans to implement a carbon tax in 2019 to get companies to reduce greenhouse emissions and consider clean energy options.

Speaking on the hybrid offering, Mr Frank Phuan, Co-Founder and Director of Sunseap Group, said: "Sunseap is always looking for ways to make the adoption of clean energy a smooth transition for our clients. The hybrid offer gives us more flexibility to devise an attractive offer for our clients."

Mr Phuan added that the company is also offering energy supply plans that include a solar element via offsite arrangements. This includes the recently announced GoEco plan.

When completed, the solar PV system will give the 20-year-old ferry terminal a facelift and allow TMFT to offset at least 327 tonnes of carbon dioxide annually.

### **About Sunseap Group**

Sunseap Group is the leading solar energy system developer, owner and operator in Singapore. It operates through 3 key units; Sunseap Leasing, Sunseap International and Sunseap Energy. Sunseap Leasing is the first and largest solar leasing company in Singapore. Sunseap International targets markets in the South East Asian and Pacific regions to ride on the global growth in adoption of Solar Energy. Energy provides clean energy solutions utilizing off-site arrangements by drawing on solar systems within the Group's portfolio of distributed generation assets.

### **About Singapore Cruise Centre (Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal)**

The Tanah Merah Ferry Terminal was built in 1995. In 2007 the terminal underwent a S\$3 million renovation to improve the space to better serve its passengers and customers. Current four berths serve regional ferries that travel to destinations to the South and East of Singapore, including; Nongsapura, Pulau Lobam, Tanjung Pinang, Bintan Lagoon and Teluk Sebong.

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