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# JOHOR PORT LAUNCHES FGV PALM INDUSTRIES' INAUGURAL EXPORT OF CERTIFIED PALM KERNEL SHELLS TO JAPAN

**JOHOR BAHRU, 30 May 2024** - Johor Port Berhad ("Johor Port"), a member of MMC Group, witnessed FGV Palm Industries Sdn Bhd's ("FGVPI") maiden export of certified Palm Kernel Shells (PKS) to Japan.

The landmark event held at Johor Port marked the collaboration between FGVPI and GBK International Sdn Bhd ("GBK I") and showcased the efforts and dedication of all parties involved; highlighting the strategic role of Johor Port and GBK I in facilitating international PKS trade and supporting sustainable initiatives.

The significance of this export is amplified by FGVPI recently receiving the prestigious Golden Green Label ("GGL") Certification which facilitate the importation of PKS into Japan. This accolade underscores FGVPI's unwavering commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly practices, setting a high standard for the quality and sustainability of their products. The Golden Green Label is awarded to companies which meet the stringent criteria for sustainability, environmental management and social responsibility. FGVPI's adherence to these high standards reflects its dedication to preserving the environment while producing high-quality Palm Oil products.

The ceremony was officiated by Md Derick Basir, the Chief Executive Officer of Johor Port Berhad and attended by Suffian Azman, Head of By-Product of FGVPI, Norzaidey Jelani from FGVPI Headquarters, Louis Low, Director of GBK I and Rafizal Esmail of Johor Port together with other representatives from the respective companies, key industry stakeholders and Government officials. This inaugural shipment not only marks a significant milestone for FGVPI but also underscores Johor Port's capabilities as a Southern Gateway Multi-Purpose Port and GBK International's expertise in warehousing and cleaning services.

“The successful export of certified Palm Kernel Shells to Japan through Johor Port showcases our capability to handle diverse and specialised cargoes,” said Md Derick Basir, Chief Executive Officer of Johor Port.

“Palm Kernel Shells are part of our Dry Bulk cargo, and 2024 is shaping up to be a promising year for Dry Bulk, with an increase of 8% YTD up to March 2024 YoY (year-on-year). Going forward for 2024, we are confident of handling 15% more Dry Bulk volume than 2023. We are proud to support FGV Palm industries in their sustainability journey and look forward to more such collaborations which drive economic growth and environmental stewardship,” added Md Derick Basir.

“With 5 PKS cleaning lines, GBKI’s extensive experience in PKS handling and our strong network in the Japanese market would be able to support FGVPI in managing and marketing PKS from Johor Port,” said Louis Low, Director of GBK International Sdn Bhd.

Johor Port, renowned for its state-of-the-art facilities and comprehensive port services, plays a vital role in Malaysia’s export industry, and GBKI’s contribution in providing specialised warehousing and PKS cleaning services, demonstrates their commitment to maintaining high standards in product quality and logistics management, which further enhances the quality and reliability of this landmark shipment.

FGVPI is targeting two shipments of 20,000 metric tonnes (MT) of certified PKS per month to Japan, reinforcing their commitment to meeting international demand with sustainable products. This ambitious target aligns with FGVPI’s strategy to expand its market presence and contribute to global renewable energy solutions, leading the “Waste to Worth; Harmonising Palm Biomass Value for a Sustainable Future” initiative to enhance the global Biomass market.



*Photo caption: (Fifth from left) Louis Low, Director of GBK International; Norzaidey Jelani, Representative of CEO FGVPI; Md Derick Basir, Chief Executive Officer of Johor Port; Rosliezan Md Husain, Head of Procurement of FGVPI; Suffian Azman, Head of By-Product of FGVPI with team of FGVPI and Johor Port during the event.*

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### **About Johor Port Berhad**

*Johor Port Berhad, a Member of MMC Group, is an integrated Multi-Purpose Port facility located at the southern tip of Peninsular Malaysia providing a comprehensive range of port services to meet the individual needs of its customer. Commencing operation in 1977 as the original Southern Gateway Multi-Purpose Port in Malaysia, Johor Port currently operates a total area of 1,000 acres, 660 acres of which are designated as Free Zone.*

*Equipped with 24 berths and a total berthing length of 4.9 kilometres, the services and facilities within Johor Port include the Container Terminal, Bulk & Break Bulk Terminal, Liquid Terminal and Warehousing Facilities. As the 1<sup>st</sup> port in Malaysia to be accorded with Free Zone status, Johor Port is the appointed Free Zone Authority for the management of its Free Zone area.*

*As a Regional Commodity Hub, Johor Port is the world's single largest Edible Oil Terminal and is one of the largest Hub in the region for LME cargo. Johor Port is also one of the largest discharging point for Rice and Cocoa in Malaysia as well as being one of the biggest terminals in Malaysia for Fertilizer and Cement.*

*For more information, please visit <http://www.johorport.com.my/>*

## **About MMC Corporation Berhad**

*MMC Corporation Berhad (“MMC”) is a leading utility and infrastructure group with diversified businesses under four core business divisions, namely Ports and Logistics, Energy and Utilities, Engineering, and Industrial Development.*

*Its key businesses under the Ports and Logistics division include operations and management of Pelabuhan Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd, Johor Port Berhad, Northport (Malaysia) Bhd, Penang Port Sdn Bhd, Tanjung Bruas Port Sdn Bhd, SPT Services Sdn Bhd, Andaman Port Sdn Bhd, Swettenham Pier Cruise Terminal Sdn Bhd, Port Klang Cruise Terminal Sdn Bhd and Langkawi Cruise Terminal Sdn Bhd. Additionally, MMC’s port operations are supported by two integrated business logistics solution providers, namely Kontena Nasional Berhad and KTMB Cargo Sdn Bhd. Internationally, MMC has a presence in Saudi Arabia via Red Sea Gateway Terminal Company Limited, a container port terminal within the Jeddah Islamic Port.*

*Under the Energy and Utilities division, MMC is the single largest shareholder of both Malakoff Corporation Berhad, a sustainably-driven multinational energy generation and environmental solutions company, and Gas Malaysia Berhad, a total energy solutions provider. In addition, through Aliran Ihsan Resources Berhad, we are a pioneer in wastewater recycling technology and a water treatment specialist.*

*MMC’s Engineering division has played a leading role in the implementation and completion of the 51 km Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (“KVMRT”) Kajang Line, including the underground works package and the entire 57.7 km KVMRT Putrajaya Line. MMC has successfully delivered several notable civil and infrastructure projects including the 329 km Ipoh-Padang Besar Electrified Double Tracking Project, the innovative Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (“SMART”) Motorway (a first of its kind, dual-purpose tunnel), Langat Centralised Sewerage Treatment Plant, Langat 2 Water Treatment Plant and Refinery and Petrochemical Integrated Development (“RAPID”) Pengerang Cogeneration Plant.*

*MMC Land Sdn Bhd is the holding company of Senai Airport City Sdn Bhd, Seaport Worldwide Sdn Bhd and Northern Technocity Sdn Bhd, which develops and manages approximately 5,000 acres of industrial development land in Johor and Kedah, namely Senai Airport City (“SAC”), Tanjung Bin Industrial Park (“TBIP”) in Iskandar Malaysia, and Northern Technocity (“NTC”) in Kulim, Kedah. The three (3) developments of SAC, TBIP and NTC provides ready platform and basic infrastructure, and is well connected to major expressway, seaports and airports, targeting clean and hi-tech multinational companies (MNCs), Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) & Domestic Direct Investment (DDI).*

*In other business, MMC wholly owns Senai Airport Terminal Services Sdn Bhd, the operator of Senai International Airport in Johor Bahru – an emerging southern aviation hub and an important gateway to Iskandar Malaysia and Johor state.*

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