



## JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

# IE Singapore brings together 6 Singapore companies to establish partnership for KL-SG High Speed Rail

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1. Six Singapore companies, brought together by International Enterprise (IE) Singapore, announced their intention to partner each other, with plans to team up with international players to jointly participate in high speed rail projects starting with the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High Speed Rail (KL-SG HSR). The companies involved are Clifford Capital Pte. Ltd., DBS, Sembcorp Design & Construction, SMRT International Pte Ltd, Surbana Jurong Private Limited and Singapore Technologies Electronics Limited (ST Electronics).
2. The KL-SG HSR is a strategic project between the Governments of Singapore and Malaysia that aims to facilitate seamless travel between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, enhance business linkages and bring the peoples of both countries closer together. The 350km rail line is targeted to be operational by end 2026.
3. In view of the project's significance and potential, IE Singapore has brought together the companies in line with its role to help Singapore companies capture global opportunities. The partnership leverages unique strengths of each company, enabling them to expand into the high speed rail segment. Together, their solutions cover the entire value chain of financing, design, construction, system integration, operations and maintenance. The companies plan to partner international players to jointly participate in the KL-SG HSR.
4. Said Mr Yam Ah Mee, CEO of Sembcorp Design & Construction, "By banding together, we have a stronger value proposition, combining many years of track record across the rail value chain. We plan to work with international partners with relevant rail experience as we

participate in various aspects of the KL-SG HSR. Our wealth of local operating knowledge in Malaysia and Singapore is complementary.”

5. Mr Teo Eng Cheong, CEO International (Singapore, Southeast Asia, North Asia) of Surbana Jurong Private Limited, said, “Surbana Jurong sees the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High Speed Rail as a highly strategic project that opens up a new sector of growth for companies in the infrastructure space. We are therefore pleased to be part of this Singapore Inc partnership.”
6. Said Mr Kow Juan Tiang, Group Director, Environment and Infrastructure Solutions Group, IE Singapore, “Transport infrastructure accounts for 25% of the US\$4.3 trillion in global infrastructure spending in 2016<sup>1</sup>. The high speed rail sub-segment is a key growth area. Singapore companies can access this space through this strategic project between Malaysia and Singapore. This partnership between the six companies is crucial for building capabilities in new infrastructure verticals. IE Singapore will continue to drive the interests of Singapore companies in key infrastructure projects.”
7. The Land Transport Authority (LTA) and Malaysia’s MyHSR Corporation (MyHSR) will conduct an industry briefing on 5 July to outline parameters of the upcoming AssetsCo tender for the KL-SG-HSR. The AssetsCo will be responsible for the design, build, finance and maintenance of rolling stock and rail assets (e.g. track work, power, signalling and telecommunications), including network operations. The tenders for the project are expected to be called by end 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: PwC Global

### **About Clifford Capital Pte. Ltd.**

Clifford Capital is a specialist provider of structured finance solutions established with support from the Government of Singapore to help companies that have a meaningful presence in Singapore to grow internationally and capture business opportunities around the world.

Clifford Capital offers competitive project finance, asset-backed and other structured debt financing, as well as buyers' credit financing solutions for eligible Singapore-based companies in support of their overseas investments or exports in the infrastructure and offshore marine sectors. Since inception in 2012, Clifford Capital has committed over US\$1.7 billion to various projects around the world. Clifford Capital has a global remit and its portfolio is spread across Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and South America.

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DBS is at the forefront of leveraging digital technology to shape the future of banking, and has been named "World's Best Digital Bank" by Euromoney. The bank has also been recognised for its leadership in the region, having been named "Asia's Best Bank" by several publications including The Banker, Global Finance, IFR Asia and Euromoney since 2012. In addition, the bank has been named "Safest Bank in Asia" by Global Finance for eight consecutive years from 2009 to 2016.

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With a history that dates back to 1982, Sembcorp Design and Construction is a wholly-owned subsidiary of public-listed Sembcorp Industries.

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