

Press Release

## **WCT Welcomes Results of LNG Bunkering Study for the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal**

(14 December 2021, Hong Kong) – Worldwide Cruise Terminals (WCT), manager and operator of Hong Kong’s Kai Tak Cruise Terminal, welcomed results of its preliminary study on liquefied natural gas (LNG) bunkering for ships berthed at the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal. The preliminary study, conducted by Bureau Veritas Solutions Marine & Offshore (BV Solutions M & O), indicated that according to industry standards for safe operations adopted in other jurisdictions, it should be feasible to safely conduct ship-to-ship LNG bunkering simultaneously with passenger operations at the terminal. The study made use of industry gas dispersal models and representative scenarios based on LNG fuelled cruise ships and LNG bunkering vessels currently in use and under construction.

Jeff Bent, Managing Director for WCT, said, “We are proud to support the Hong Kong government’s Clean Air 2035 and Climate Action 2050 Plans, which indicate that the HKSAR government intends to pursue LNG bunkering for ocean-going vessels as a means to greatly reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. With this study, we establish that the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal is a suitable facility for ship-to-ship LNG bunkering to take place, simultaneously with standard passenger operations, for the rapidly growing number of LNG-powered cruise ships. Many leading ports have commenced LNG bunkering, and we look forward to joining their ranks. We stand by to assist regulators to craft detailed policies and procedures for an earlier commencement of the use of this fuel.”

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Huw Coffin, General Manager BV Solutions M&O (North Asia Zone) and lead researcher for the study, added, “the LNG industry has an excellent safety record, which thankfully is being replicated across the maritime industry with the increasing use of natural gas as a marine fuel. Switching to LNG from traditional fuel oil has the potential to reduce GHG emissions by around 20% as well as the added benefit of reducing NOx emissions by up to 80% and being almost SOx and particulate matter free. LNG continues to be the most viable alternative fuel for the foreseeable future which is reflected in the newbuilding order book with 30% of the tonnage in GT terms due to be installed with LNG capable engines. This includes 29 cruise ships equating to circa 50% of the cruise ship capacity on order. The introduction of LNG bunkering in Hong Kong would support Hong Kong’s Clean Air Plan and also increase the attractiveness of the port by expanding bunkering services to the rapidly increasing LNG fueled fleet.”

According to Bent, next steps will include discussing the results of the study with relevant government departments and industry participants, to determine the best path forward for timely realization of this aspect of Hong Kong’s clean air and carbon neutrality goals.

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## **About Worldwide Cruise Terminals**

Worldwide Cruise Terminals (or “WCT”) is a joint venture majority owned by Worldwide Flight Services (“WFS”). It is dedicated to the management and operation of Hong Kong’s new Kai Tak Cruise Terminal (“KTCT”) and development of Hong Kong as a cruise port.

WCT is committed to a more sustainable and environmentally responsible future, and has reduced the carbon footprint of the massive Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Building, a BEAM platinum-rated facility, by over 50%. It was awarded the APEC Green Port Award from 2018 to 2021, the Bank of China Environmental Leadership EcoPartner and EcoPioneer Award from 2016 to 2021, Hong Kong’s Green Organisation Award from 2017 to 2021, the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department’s Indoor Air Quality (Excellent Class) Certificate from 2015-2021, Hong Kong Awards for Environmental Excellence from 2018-2021, Hong Kong Green Award’s Environmental, Health and Safety Award from 2019 to 2021, Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management’s Excellence in Facility Management’s Bronze Award in Sustainability in 2020, multiple HSBC Green Achievement Awards, as well, it was one of three finalists for the Environment Initiative Award from the Seatrade Cruise Awards 2017.

WCT is an award-winning port management company, it is an ISO 9001 certified company and has been recognized with multiple port management awards including Asia Cruise Leaders Network’s Asia Best Cruise Home Port 2018 award, the biennial Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong’s Service Excellence Award in 2018, Port of the Year finalist by Seatrade in 2016, CCYIA’s Best Port Management award in 2015, and Hong Kong Institute of Facility Management’s Excellence Award in Facility Management in 2020.

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As a socially responsible business, WCT was named an Equal Opportunity Employer, a Caring Company from 2015 to 2021, and a Barrier-Free Company from 2018 to 2021. It was awarded the HKSAR's 7<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Young Power Award, the HKSAR's 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Outstanding Corporate Citizenship Logo Award, the HKSAR's Social Capital Builder Award from 2016 to 2021, as well as the GS1's Consumer Caring Company Award from 2018 to 2021.

Excellent rail and air connectivity to mainland China and other major source markets, visa-free access for most nationalities, exciting nearby ports of call, a tropical climate and Hong Kong's wide variety of urban and rural, modern and historical, family and sophisticated gourmet attractions, make the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal an ideal location for both homeporting and transit ship calls.

Worldwide Cruise Terminals regularly uses the terminal as the venue for many star-studded and public and private functions, including fashion shows, car launches, athletic events, exhibitions, and conventions. It has featured in a number of local and international films, TV programs, and commercials. Details are available at <http://www.kaitakcruiseterminal.com.hk/mice-venues/>

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