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- **Inaugural Global Summit on Process Safety hosted in Singapore drew more than 300 international and regional delegates**
- **Workplace Safety & Health (Learning Report) Regulations 2019 gazetted by Ministry of Manpower to facilitate the publishing of learning reports on major workplace incidents to educate the industry on hazards so that timely improvements can be taken before criminal proceedings are concluded**

SINGAPORE, 22 October 2019 – Co-hosted by the Singapore Chemical Industry Council (SCIC) and the Center for Chemical Process Safety (CCPS) of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE), the Global Summit on Process Safety was held for the first time in Singapore from 22nd to 23rd October 2019 with more than 300 international and regional delegates in attendance.

The CCPS Global Summit on Process Safety (GSPS), focused on improving process safety standards and practices, was launched in 2014 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Bhopal Gas tragedy which was one of the worst industrial accidents of the 20th century.

GSPS aims to transform process safety vision into result-oriented actions for achieving process safety excellence. It serves as an important platform to allow effective knowledge of sharing and learning from the common causes of past process safety incidents with government and public around the world through collective wisdom, tools, training and expertise.

Mr Zaqy Mohamad, Minister of State (MOS) for National Development and Manpower, delivered the opening address on the first day as the Guest-of-Honour. In his speech, he announced that the Ministry of Manpower (MOM) has:

- **Gazetted the Workplace Safety and Health (Learning Report) Regulations 2019**, which will allow MOM to consult stakeholders and publish learning reports on major workplace incidents in Singapore so that the industry can be educated on hazards and take immediate steps before criminal proceedings are concluded; and

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- **Revised the enhanced Pressure Vessel Extension Scheme**, which will allow plant owners to exercise greater flexibility in managing equipment downtime and to reap productivity savings without compromising safety.

The enactment of the Workplace Safety and Health (Major Hazard Installations) Regulations on 1 September 2017 provided a regulatory framework to enhance process safety for Singapore. Major Hazard Installations (MHI) would be required to take all necessary measures to reduce the risk of major accidents to as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP) and to limit the consequences of major accidents under the Safety Case regime.

To reflect our commitment towards creating a robust Workplace Safety and Health culture by sharing best practices and learning with one another, the Chemical Industry became the first community with a dedicated Vision Zero cluster in Singapore. The cluster was official launched in Nov 2018 by MOS Mr Zaqy Mohamad.

Built on a strong safety culture, the industry's proactiveness and commitment through continuous sharing and learning are also key drivers towards achieving a strong process safety performance. The Chemical Industry will continue to be a key pillar of Singapore's economy and a sustainable industry that plays an important role in our lives for the living comfort and technological evolution to be possible.

Speaking on the occasion of the inaugural Singapore GSPS conference, Shakeel Kadri, Executive Director & CEO of CCPS, remarked that while much has been accomplished in the area of process safety since CCPS's founding in 1985, more work is needed to bring uniform process safety standards, practices, and instruction to industries and communities worldwide. "Conferences such as this Global Summit in Singapore are invaluable opportunities for safety experts to provide tools and lessons-learned to companies in regions where process safety is still evolving and to assist these companies in developing robust process safety programs," said Mr. Kadri. "CCPS and its members from the chemical process industries are gratified to take part in this event, and to help stakeholders everywhere to build foundations for process safety excellence."

Lucas Ng, Chairman of SCIC-GSPS Organising Committee said, "Senior Management commitment in taking ownership with top-down and bottom-up two-way communications, embracing the entire workforce for both employees and contractors, with win-win partnership culture will lead to workplace safety and health excellence!"

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About the Singapore Chemical Industry Council (SCIC)

The Singapore Chemical Industry Council Limited (SCIC) is the official industry association representing the Singapore Energy and Chemicals cluster in the private sector. It plays a proactive role in representing the interests of this manufacturing sector and continues to promote it as a major economic pillar of Singapore.

SCIC has a membership network of more than 170 companies including key multi-national corporations (MNCs) and small & medium enterprises (SMEs) that support the entire chemical industry supply chain. These members provide vast resources and opportunities to help SCIC develop a conducive business environment for the chemical industry. SCIC also provides a platform for the industry members to come together as a single body to strengthen our position in addressing advocacy issues.

SCIC is the National Administrator of Responsible Care Programme for Singapore, a global chemical industry's initiative that drives continuous improvement in health, safety, environment and security (HSES) performance.

SCIC participated as a member of International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA), a worldwide voice of the global chemical industry to ensure industry is widely valued and supported for its economic, social and environmental contributions to society.

In 2011, SCIC was appointed as the Standards Development Organisation (SDO@SCIC) for the Chemical Standards Committee (CSC) - one of the 10 Standards Committees under the National Standardisation Programme led by the Singapore Standards Council administered by Enterprise Singapore. The SDO@SCIC manages the national standards development projects under the CSC covering key areas of LNG bunkering & fuel oil bunkering, surface coatings, chemical & processes, nanotechnology as well as petroleum processes and products.

SCIC also participated and contributed to the 6-year implementation project from 2015 to 2021 on management practices and productivity improvement in Singapore. SCIC took the lead in overseeing the implementation of the project which is jointly funded by EDB Singapore, SCIC, members of the chemical industry, ASPRI and members of the process industry.

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