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CLEAR SHORES, CLEAN WATERS

- Singapore chemical industry rallies more than 600 participants for International Coastal Beach Clean-Up Event
- SCIC announces the adoption of Operation Clean Sweep (OCS)

SINGAPORE, 20 September 2019 – In conjunction with the International Coastal Clean-up Day, the Singapore Chemical Industry Council (SCIC) has organised its third and largest edition of its “Clear Shores, Clean Waters” beach clean-up campaign for the year.

More than 600 participants from multi-stakeholder groups including chemical industry companies, government agencies, students, members of the public and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) gathered at Singapore’s East Coast Park on the morning of 20 September for the beach clean-up event. SCIC’s earlier two beach clean-ups were held on 26 April and 31 May 2019, in conjunction with Earth Day and World Environment Day respectively.

Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources, graced the event as the Guest of Honour. The Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources has designated 2019 as the Year Towards Zero Waste, and SCIC’s campaign is in line with MEWR’s Clean and Green Singapore and zero waste goals.

“I am extremely heartened by the overwhelming response from our various stakeholders as we work together to better manage plastic waste. As we know, polymers are very versatile materials that have become indispensable in supporting modern day food, water and energy security. Our industry is working hard to enable more effective plastics after-use collection and recycling processes, enabling a zero waste circular economy. As individuals and as a community, it is our joint responsibility to practice responsible use of plastics, as well as to recycle our plastic waste,” said Terence Koh, Executive Director of SCIC.

During the event, SCIC announced the adoption of Operation Clean Sweep (OCS) for the Singapore chemical industry. Operation Clean Sweep’s goal is to support chemical companies across the plastics value chain to implement good housekeeping practices and achieve zero resin pellet, flake, and powder loss to the environment in their operations.

Wim Roels, Chairman of SCIC said, “The chemical industry is committed to addressing the challenge of managing plastic waste and protecting the environment. Operation Clean Sweep is another step that chemical companies in Singapore are taking to ensure zero loss of plastics from our operations into the environment. We invite and strongly encourage all our industry partners across our value chain to join us and adopt Operation Clean Sweep, and likewise pledge their commitment of zero plastic leakage to the environment.”

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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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