

ANNEX A

FACTSHEET ON INFOCOMM@SEAPORT PROGRAMME

A three-year, joint initiative by the MPA and the IDA, the Infocomm@Seaport Programme will allocate S\$12 million, with \$6 million from each agency, to support infocomm projects that will further entrench Singapore's position as a leading global hub port.

Combining the strengths and efforts of the two agencies, the programme will encourage the innovative use of infocomm technologies (ICT) to achieve business transformation in the seaport community. The development and implementation of industry-wide ICT systems will enhance the connectivity and communications between players in the seaport community, promote operational and service excellence, and increase opportunities for the seaport community to attract new businesses.

WISEPORT is one of the initial projects under the Infocomm@SeaPort programme, which aims to provide a mobile wireless broadband network within 15km from Singapore's southern coastline. WISEPORT will provide low-cost, high-bandwidth and secure access. Some of the other projects being explored include conducting trials in the use of infocomm to enhance and optimise the car transshipment planning and operations, and automating some of the current labour-intensive processes in the bunker supply chain. MPA and IDA will work with key players from across the port and shipping sectors, such as the terminal operators, shipping lines, bunker suppliers and other service providers, to bring the industry to an even higher level of operational and business efficiency through infocomm.

WISEPORT

Wireless-broadband-access at SEaPORT (or WISEPORT) is the first project in the world to offer mobile wireless broadband network to cover Singapore's port waters, up to a range of 15km from the shoreline. WISEPORT aims to provide high bandwidth, low-cost and secure communications channels for ships in our port within the coverage zone for the more than 13,000 vessels that navigate through Singapore waters annually.

WISEPORT Infrastructure Call-For-Collaboration (CFC)

The WISEPORT Infrastructure CFC was launched on 13 Nov 2006. The proposals are being evaluated and the network operator will be selected by end 2007.

WISEPORT Content and Applications CFC

To capitalise on the WISEPORT infrastructure, MPA and IDA will jointly initiate a CFC to develop new content and software applications for the seaport community by end of this year. These content and applications could range from messaging services that allow ships to communicate more cost-effectively with other parties, to applications that allow ships to book maritime services through the high-speed network.