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### **SURIA CAPITAL BAGS GREEN AWARD AT ASIA CORPORATE EXCELLENCE & SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS (ACES) 2020**

KOTA KINABALU, Malaysia, Sept. 9, 2020 -- Suria Capital Holdings Berhad has won the Green Initiative Award at the Asia Corporate Excellence & Sustainability Awards (ACES) 2020 in recognition to its Green initiatives and commitment in promoting the sustainable use of natural resources, cut in energy consumptions and carbon emission in its port business operations.



Mdm Ng Kiat Min, Suria Capital's Group Managing Director said, "We feel very proud and honoured to receive this award and be recognised among business leaders and sustainability advocates with the Asian region."

"Over the years, we have been committed in upholding the principles of sustainability, particularly in our port business and to ensure our business activities made positive contributions towards the economy, environment and the society."

Suria Capital is involved in port operations, property development, bunkering and logistics services, supply and maintenance of port equipment and seaport passenger gateway. Its subsidiary, Sabah Ports Sdn Bhd is the primary port operator in Sabah in East Malaysia, operating eight key coastline ports.

Sabah Ports has been actively monitoring the environmental impacts of its port operations through regular measurements of air, water and noise quality and benchmarked to regulatory limits. It has begun embracing electrification of port equipment such as electrified rubber-tyred gantry cranes, low wattage LED lighting systems in line with green port initiatives and the Autostore system which minimizes paper consumption. This shift has demonstrated significant reduction in electricity or fuel consumption and lower emission of carbon dioxide.

Suria Capital has built a good foundation for managing environmental impacts from its port operations. In 2019, its Sapangar Bay Container Port won the Green Port Award System for Malaysia by the APEC Port Service Network.

The company has worked with local university and non-governmental organisation in marine conservation and research works such as in seagrass transplanting and mangrove forest rehabilitation programme in Sabah. The transplanting was to ensure the seagrass is protected from extinction in view of planned developments at the Sapangar Bay vicinity. Both seagrass and mangroves play a big role in providing a breeding ground for fish and other marine species, while mangrove roots are capable of absorbing wave energy and stabilizing shoreline erosion for the coastal area.

The ACES Awards was organised by MORS Group.

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