

## Media Release

### AUSTRALIA'S CITY OF TOWNSVILLE TAPS SURBANA JURONG TO BOOST REGIONAL GROWTH AND REJUVENATION

**Townsville, North Queensland, Australia, 7 February 2018** – Surbana Jurong Private Limited today signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) with the City of Townsville to collaborate in various areas with the aim of developing the City into a vibrant, smart and connected Hub.

Under the MOC, Surbana Jurong will collaborate with the City on economic, community and social innovation focused initiatives, including providing consultancy on the digitisation of Townsville and growing aviation links to Singapore.

The MOC signing was followed by a luncheon hosted by Townsville Enterprise Limited and attended by Townsville government and business representatives.

Mr Wong Heang Fine, Group CEO of Surbana Jurong said, “The cooperation between Surbana Jurong and the City of Townsville is reflective of the strong relations between Australia and Singapore. Townsville is a city with immense potential. The building of defence training facilities near Townsville under the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative will provide the seed for the City’s development, from defence-support services, to logistics, transport, R&R facilities and tourism.”

Wong added, “Surbana Jurong, through its member company SMEC, has been involved in various projects in Townsville for over fifteen years. With today’s MOC, we are further committed to Townsville’s long-term growth, and are indeed very excited to partner Townsville in its journey towards a digitised, connected world-class city. We are pleased to offer our experience to support the City’s urban renewal and generate sustainable economic growth for its residents.”

Surbana Jurong is one of the largest Asia-based urban, industrial and infrastructure consulting firms, offering end-to-end full suite solutions. It takes a holistic approach to deliver long-term sustainable growth for communities. Its capabilities include urban planning, architecture, engineering and project management across various sectors such as housing, defence,

healthcare, aviation and hospitality. It has over fifty years' track record, delivering award-winning projects across the world. Through its member company SMEC, Surbana Jurong has deep local knowledge. SMEC's experience in Townsville spans over 15 years, and boasts the delivery of major projects on the Bruce and Flinders Highways, the Northern Rail Line and Port of Townsville, and was most recently appointed as engineer for the Haughton Pipeline Duplication Project.

Cr Jenny Hill, Mayor of the City of Townsville said, "These initiatives will see our city become a hive of innovation, allowing us to attract new businesses with new jobs in growth areas. We're looking forward to cooperating with Surbana Jurong on making it happen."

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### **About Surbana Jurong Private Limited**

Surbana Jurong Private Limited (SJ) is one of the largest Asia-based urban, industrial and infrastructure consulting firms. Leveraging technology and creativity, SJ provides one-stop consultancy solutions across the entire value chain of the urbanisation, industrialisation and infrastructure domains.

Headquartered in Singapore, the SJ Group has a global workforce of 13,500 employees in more than 120 offices across over 40 countries in Asia, Australia, UK, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas, and an annual turnover of around S\$1.5 billion.

SJ has a track record of over 50 years, and has built more than a million homes in Singapore, crafted master plans for more than 30 countries and developed over 50 industrial parks globally.

SJ's motto 'Building Cities, Shaping Lives' reflects its belief that development is more than just steel and concrete. SJ creates spaces and designs infrastructure where people live, work and play, shaping cities into homes with sustainable jobs where communities and businesses can flourish.

### **About Townsville and the Townsville City Council**

For more information about Townsville and its Council, please visit:

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