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for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL WELCOMES TWO NEW LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

Seychelles' James Michel Foundation and Singapore's Tian Sian Shipping Join the WOC - the International, Cross-Sectoral Leadership Alliance on Ocean Sustainable Development, Science and Stewardship

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The WOC is honored to announce its most recent new members - Tian Sian Shipping Ltd of Singapore, a pioneer in ocean clean up, and the James Michel Foundation, established by the Former President of the Seychelles.

Former President James A. Michel of the Republic of Seychelles stated: "I agree wholeheartedly with the WOC's mission to foster Ocean Sustainable Development. Joining the WOC is the best and most efficient way to move this vision and mission forward to action through collaboration. I am honoured to be a key speaker of the WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit in Hong Kong in November 2018, and I am very much looking forward to making my contribution to its success."

Mark Ko, Tian Sian Shipping Executive Director, said: "We have been cleaning up rivers, ports and the waters around Singapore for over 20 years and we have seen first-hand, the side effects of unfettered development and what it can do to the natural environment. We have also seen how quickly nature can bounce back once we give it a hand in recovering. The future of our oceans depends on our behaviour moving forward and we are thrilled to be joining an organisation whose mission is to ensure we treat our oceans with respect. We have always been committed to sustainable ocean development and joining the WOC reaffirms our commitment to action."

WOC CEO, Paul Holthus, added: "It is with great pleasure that I welcome both organizations into the WOC community. We are honoured to work directly with Former President James Michel on Ocean Sustainable Development in collaboration with his Foundation. We also look forward to building the interaction with Tian Sian in their leadership efforts, such a marine debris and plastics collection from nearshore marine waters. We encourage other companies and organizations who wish to engage in implementing 'Corporate Ocean Responsibility' leadership with like-minded peers to get involved in the WOC's unique global ocean business leadership alliance".

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Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2018: 14-16 Nov, Hong Kong

SOS 2018 Theme: “Ocean Sustainable Development- Connecting Asia and the World”

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26-31 August, STOCKHOLM

World Water Week - “Source to Sea Solutions: Business leadership in protecting the marine environment from land-based pollution” (Invited Co-Organizer)

3-4 September, DAKAR

GEF-IW/UNDP/IOC-UNESCO Africa Regional Network Meeting - “Business Roundtable” - Global Environment Facility (GEF)-International Waters (IW), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC-UNESCO) (Invited Organizer)

4-17 September, NEW YORK

U.N. Law of the Sea, BBNJ Treaty - 1st Negotiation Session on international, legally binding instrument under the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea re the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) (Industry Representative)

12-14 September, SAN FRANCISCO

Global Climate Summit (Invited Organizer of “Private Sector Leadership in Climate Proof Ports for Small Island Developing States”, Official Affiliate Event)

1-2 October, PANAMA CITY

GEF-IW/UNDP/IOC-UNESCO Latin America-Caribbean Regional Network Meeting - “Business Roundtable” (Invited Organizer)

About the World Ocean Council (WOC)

The WOC is the only international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership and collaboration in sustainability, stewardship and science. Companies from a range of industries worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”, including: shipping, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology, investment. WOC Members are listed [here](#), a part of the WOC Network of 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organization in the US and the UK/Europe.

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