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SOUTH ASIA GATEWAY TERMINALS (SAGT) JOINS WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL (WOC)

Sectoral and Geographic Diversity of WOC Continues to Grow with Membership of SAGT, Leading Port Terminal Services Provider from Sri Lanka

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South Asia Gateway Terminals (SAGT) strengthened its commitment to responsible and sustainable operations by joining the World Ocean Council (WOC), the global Blue Economy Business Organization.

SAGT CEO Romesh David said, "Ports play a critical role in ocean development sustainability and global ocean allied industries require a global approach. Team SAGT recognizes WOC as an international industry platform creating the opportunity for SAGT and other like-minded responsible maritime industry operators to collaborate in tackling the challenges to the future of the ocean ecosystem and ocean related businesses."

SAGT is the first member of the World Ocean Council from Sri Lanka and the Indian sub-continent region.

SAGT is strategically positioned in the Port of Colombo, linking the Far East with Africa, Europe, and the East Coast of the US, providing ideal connections to the trade in the Indian sub-continent. The company is a Board of Investment flagship entity with approximately 60% of Sri Lankan shareholding, and is backed by John Keells Holdings, APM Terminals, SLPA and Peony Investments (subsidiary of Evergreen Marine Corporation).

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

9 January, PARIS

U.N. Roundtable on the UN Global Pact for the Environment (Participant)

17 January, BRUSSELS

JPI Oceans seminar - Increasing the impact of European investments in marine and maritime research (Participant)

23-25 January, SOUTHAMPTON

European Space Agency (ESA) "Atlantic from Space" Workshop (Opening Keynote Speaker)

World Ocean Council (WOC) – The Global Blue Economy Business Organization

The WOC is the only international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership and collaboration in ocean 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 and 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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