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## **MR EDWIN KHEW TAKES OVER THE HELM AS PRESIDENT OF THE SINGAPORE MANUFACTURERS' FEDERATION**

June 30, 2006, Singapore – The Singapore Manufacturers' Federation (SMA) announced today that Mr Edwin T.F. Khew has been elected, by its newly formed Council, as its President at the 3<sup>rd</sup> SMA Annual General Meeting. With this new appointment Mr Khew became the federation's second president after assuming the top post from Mr Lew Syn Pau.

Mr Khew is no newcomer to SMA. Prior to his new appointment, he has served as SMA's Deputy President for the last two terms (from 2002 to 2006). Previously, Mr Khew also served as Vice President in the former Singapore Confederation of Industries (SCI) for two terms and as Council member for a term in the Singapore Manufacturers' Association (SMA). The SCI and SMA are former names of the SMA, which during its 74-year old history has undergone a couple of name changes.

As SMA's President, Mr Khew's will continue to support and execute the Strategic Action Plan of the Federation which was developed by the last Council. The new Council will review, and where necessary expand the targets and goals of the SMA to achieve its mission of becoming "a world recognized manufacturing federation making a difference to its members".

Mr Khew enthused, "I am very honoured to be elected to lead SMA for the next 2-year term. The new team of Council members is made up of industry captains and I am confident that this new team, which has a good mix of old and new Council members, will be able to lead the Federation to new heights.

Mr Khew takes over from Mr Lew who has served as SMA President for two terms from July 2002 to Jun 2006. Said Mr Lew on Mr Khew's election, "We are delighted that Mr Khew has been elected President of SMA. I would like to congratulate Mr Khew on his new appointment. Having worked with him over

the last four years, I am confident that with Mr Khew's wealth of industry experience and in-depth knowledge of the regional and global trade and investment climate, he is well qualified to chart SMA's direction and development in the coming years. Under Mr Khew's leadership, SMA will be able to create value for its members and assist in building up Singapore's manufacturing sector."

Against the backdrop of a very challenging domestic, regional and global manufacturing environment, Mr Khew envisaged the need to address three key imperatives to ensure that SMA will be a world class organization representing the manufacturing community.

Mr Khew summed up the **three key imperatives** as:

- ***Elevating the performance*** and growth potential of SMA members and the manufacturing sector. SMA will leverage on its global links to access the latest techniques, practices, knowledge and systems to help our members improve their operations and performance. In this regard, the 5 Centres of Excellence within SMA will engage best-in-class and global bench-marking experts to share their knowledge in the various fields of business with its members. SMA will also actively promote opportunities in partnerships and technology alliances with US, European and Japanese manufacturers who are keen to establish a presence in Asia or to further improve on manufacturing technologies using Singapore's R&D centres and facilities. SMA will capitalize on relationships developed with manufacturing associations in these target countries. SMA will therefore move from adding value to creating value for its members by acting as lead facilitator and broker in introducing best practices and partnerships to its members. SMA will in these initiatives work very closely with the relevant government agencies such as EDB, IE Singapore, A\*Star, and SPRING.
- ***Enabling, entrenching, and helping to grow the domestic manufacturing sector*** as a major pillar of Singapore's economic growth. The Federation will be working closely with EDB, IE Singapore, Spring, A\*Star and the MOE to realize the Manufacturing 2018 vision to achieve a S\$300 billion manufacturing output by 2018.
- ***Enhancing the relevance and efficacy*** of the services and products being offered by SMA. This initiative will look at improving and expanding an already comprehensive array of services and products offered currently by SMA covering the multifarious aspects of manufacturing and business which includes human resources, operations, marketing, IT, occupational safety and health, risk management and finance.

Mr Khew is currently the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of IUT Global Pte Ltd, a company specializing in environmental and waste management. IUT Global is currently building the first plant in Singapore to treat and convert food waste to energy and bio-compost. He is also a Resource Member of the Government Parliamentary Committee (Trade & Finance), Chairman of GS1 Singapore Council, Chairman of the Singapore Association for Environment, Occupational Health and Safety Companies (SAFEco), Board and Executive Committee Member of the Singapore Environment Council (SEC), Deputy Chairman of the Institute of Chemical Engineering (UK) Singapore Branch and Chairman of the Working Group on Solvent Hazards Control (Ministry of Manpower).

Mr Khew holds an EMBA and is a chemical engineer by training. He is a registered professional engineer in Singapore, UK and Australia.

Besides Mr Khew, the other newly-elected key office bearers are:

Deputy President, Dr Moh Chong Tau

Honorary Treasurer, Mr Richard Soh

Honorary Secretary, Mr Por Khay Ti

The 28 newly elected Council members will serve for a 2-year term from 2006 to 2008.

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## **About SMA**

The Singapore Manufacturers Federation (SMA), formerly known as the Singapore Manufacturers' Association, was first established in 1932 to champion manufacturing and the Singapore manufacturing sector. With a membership exceeding 2,600. SMA carries out a myriad of activities to enhance the competitiveness of its members on a local and global basis.

## **Our Mission**

To be a world-recognized manufacturing federation making a difference to our members.

## **Our Service and Product Offerings**

- Business Matching Events
- Trade Missions
- Networking Sessions
- Forums, Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

- Dialogues with Government Agencies

### **Our Industry Groups**

To better understand and serve the diverse needs and interests of our members, we group them into twelve industry groups:

1. Automation Technology
2. Building Products and Construction Materials
3. Chemicals
4. Electrical, Electronics and Allied Industries
5. Fire Protection, Safety and Security
6. Food & Beverage
7. Life Sciences
8. Lifestyle
9. Medical Technology
10. Metal, Machinery and Engineering
11. Plastics & Packaging
12. Oil & Gas and Related Industries

### **Our Centres of Excellence**

To enhance members' knowledge and expertise, SMA also operates five centres of excellence to impart specific skills and competencies to members:

- e-Supply Chain Management (eSCM) Council
- GS1 Singapore Council
- Enterprise Development Centre (EDC@SMA)
- SMA School of Management (SMA-SOM)
- SMA Centre for Corporate Learning (CCL)

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