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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**PRESS RELEASE : PORT KLANG'S SOUTH CHANNEL DREDGING PROJECT  
COMPLETED**

Port Klang Authority (PKA) is pleased to announce that the capital dredging exercise to deepen the South Channel entrance at Pintu Gedong, Port Klang from its previous declared depth of 16.5 metres to 18.5 metres has been completed ahead of schedule.

Aimed at ensuring that Port Klang is able to cater to the the demands of Shipping Lines operating a new generation of Ultra Large Container Ships (ULCS) of more than 18,000 TEUs, the dredging project which commenced in November 2014 was completed at the end of April 2015, 2 weeks ahead of schedule. A total of 6.2 million cubic metres of material was dredged along the 9 kilometres channel by the appointed contractors, Integrated Marine Works Sdn. Bhd. With the new depth, vessels are assured of a 24/7 tidal free access into Port Klang and a quicker turn around time. The 18.5 metres channel also ensures that deep draft vessels are able to transit the port safely with sufficient under keel clearance.

Funded entirely by the Port Klang Authority, the channel dredging complements the additional port infrastrusture that has been developed by the two terminal operators, Northport and Westports, to receive the mega-sized container vessels, including deep water berths and high capacity quay cranes in addition to large swathes of backup area for handling and storage of containers. With more and more shipping lines opting for vessels with larger carrying capacities on the basis of economies of scale, Port

Klang is everready to face the challenges to remain as one of the few select ports in the region to offer the required facilities and services of the highest standard.

Our 1st quarter figures showed a double digit growth and General Manager, Dato' Capt. David Padman is confident that Main Line Operators (MLOs) such as the Ocean 3 Alliance partners, CMA CGM, China Shipping Container Line and UASC whose operations are centred in Port Klang are expected to increase the megasize ship calls to Port Klang. Other MLO's such as Mitsui OSK Lines, Yang Ming and Hamburg Sud are expected to take delivery of new larger vessels in the near future, increasing their market share in Port Klang.

As the nation's gateway port as well as a leading hub port regionally, the continuous efforts to upgrade the port facilities and services underlines Port Klang's commitment to collaborate closely with shipping lines in meeting their demands and expectations.

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