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OPENING OF HYFLUX INNOVATION CENTRE SIGNIFIES NEXT STAGE OF COMPANY'S GROWTH

Singapore, 3 July 2012 – SGX-listed Hyflux Ltd today unveiled its new global headquarters that will set the stage for its next phase of growth.

The opening of Hyflux Innovation Centre (HIC) was officiated by Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, in the presence of some 500 guests comprising foreign dignitaries, government officials, industry representatives, financiers and business partners.

The official opening of HIC is a co-located event of the Singapore International Water Week (SIWW). SIWW is the global platform for the sharing and co-creation of innovative water solutions.

HIC is the seventh home for Hyflux since it started operation in 1989 out of a small rented space in Tampines. Each move was motivated by the need for larger space to cope with the rapid expansion of its business. HIC is owned by Hyflux Innovation Centre Pte Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hyflux Ltd.

In the last eight years, Hyflux has extended its reach beyond Singapore and China to the Middle East, North Africa and India. Hyflux's membrane products and systems are also being sold to markets as far away as Latin America.

Ms Olivia Lum, Executive Chairman and Group CEO of Hyflux, said: "We believe that the next phase of Hyflux's growth is innovation based and we need to do better with less."

HIC is an example of that principle of "doing better with less". The 10-storey L-shaped complex with a basement carpark and a gross floor area of more than 400,000 square feet was completed at a cost of approximately S\$60 million, a relatively low figure by industry standard. The construction costs of HIC were partially funded by internal sources as well as a term loan of US\$26 million from Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.

HIC serves as the nerve centre of Hyflux's global operations. Besides accommodating the executive and corporate offices, it houses the engineering design and technology commercialisation departments that integrate the technologies developed out of the Group's research and development (R&D) laboratories into viable, cost-effective and sustainable solutions for the global water industry.



The R&D laboratories which are currently located at Hyflux Building on Kallang Bahru, will be progressively moved to HIC when the lease at Hyflux Building runs its course.

Managing Director of Singapore Economic Development Board, Mr Yeoh Keat Chuan said: “We are pleased that Hyflux has continued to strengthen and expand business operations in Singapore to keep pace with its strong growth momentum in Asia and globally. This new investment affirms Singapore’s position as a leading location in Asia for water companies to conduct business activities across the value chain, from research to high-value manufacturing to global headquarters. Singapore’s vibrant water industry ecosystem makes us an ideal home base for water companies to develop and commercialise integrated water solutions.”

In addition, the manufacturing capacity of membranes will be progressively increased at the Hyflux Production Hub in Tuas. Developed in phases, the Hub will eventually provide more than 700,000 square feet of built-in area for the production of membrane products and systems to be used in water projects around the world. A state-of-the-art automation line is being installed that will raise the productivity and efficiency of the membrane manufacturing process.

Ms Lum added: “HIC will provide the platform that is crucial for a fast growing company like Hyflux to power ahead in the technology race and position us strongly for the next phase of the Company’s growth.”

HIC – A vision of business and environment sustainability

In line with Hyflux’s vision for a sustainable future, HIC has been designed with green building principles in mind. It has been certified a BCA (Building & Construction Authority) Green Mark Platinum Award building, featuring environmentally sustainable features, such as:

- Solar panels that generate sufficient energy to light up the gym
- High-efficiency air-conditioning chiller system
- Intelligent lighting system and building automation system
- An innovative grey water recycling system using Hyflux’s proprietary ultrafiltration membranes

The adaptation of green building principles is anticipated to lower energy consumption by 30% and save about 15.6 million litres of water per year.

To complement the green building and to create an environment that inspires innovation, HIC also incorporates extensive landscaping, large ecological ponds, sky gardens and a fully-equipped gym.



“In planning for this new building, we no longer wanted another bigger building to meet our operational needs. We have long recognised that Hyflux’s greatest asset is our staff,” she said.

“With our staff in mind, we named this building the Hyflux Innovation Centre. We aim to create an environment where there is a seamless link between innovation, creativity, work and play,” she added.

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About Hyflux

Hyflux is one of the world’s leading fully-integrated water solutions companies, with operations and projects in Southeast Asia, China, India, the Middle East and North Africa. Hyflux is committed to providing cost-effective and sustainable solutions in seawater desalination, water recycling, wastewater treatment, including membrane bioreactor (MBR) and potable water treatment. Hyflux’s track record includes Singapore’s first water recycling plant and first seawater reverse osmosis (SWRO) desalination plant and China’s largest SWRO desalination plant in Tianjin City. The company is currently developing the world’s largest SWRO desalination plant in Magtaa, Algeria and Singapore’s second SWRO desalination plant on a design, build, own and operate model.

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