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## **Race for Green with SEC**

**Singapore, 27 May 2010** – Green transportation issues continue to have major relevance in Singapore today, because of the need to position the city as an eminently liveable location that is well connected to the rest of the world.

In Singapore, transport accounts for about 20% of total carbon emissions and this number is rapidly increasing due to a significant rise of cars on the roads. The Singapore government has however committed to reduce carbon emissions by 16% below 2020 business-as-usual (BAU) levels. In order to achieve this goal, transportation is one of the sectors that must be addressed.

As there is still a long way to go before fully fledged commercialisation of green car technology is available, it is important to focus immediately on existing technology and changing people's habits to embrace greener options of travelling.

Hence, on 19 September 2010, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) will be organising the Singapore Green One (Singapore G1), featuring races like the Soap Box Car Race, Eco Car Race, Buggy Race, Trishaw Race and other activities like walking, cycling and skating. SEC aims to raise awareness of the green technology available, that alternative energy options are commercially viable, and to encourage the use of cleaner and more cost-effective modes of transportation like public transport. At the same time, Singapore G1 promotes simple lifestyle changes like walking, cycling or skating.

"The Singapore G1 is the first green event that takes place as a lead up to the F1. It engages the whole community, both young and old, and it will be great fun going green!" said Ms Isabella Loh, Chairman of SEC.

Providing more information on the Singapore G1, Mr Howard Shaw, Executive Director, SEC added, "We are witnessing a revolution in transport sectors in our need to transform into a low carbon economy. However the vast majority of scientists agree that this revolution is taking place at a rate that is too slow if we are to meet emissions targets required to prevent catastrophic changes in global temperatures. The Singapore G1 aims to act as a catalyst to

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change and drive the shifting paradigm of the transport industry by stimulating consumer interest. In the medium term we hope that the Singapore G1 will become the pioneering green motorsports event and that this will then catch on in the region.”

The inaugural Singapore G1 will take place at the F1 track at the Float@Marina on 19 September 2010. This four-hour event starts in the late afternoon, and is supported by Singapore GP, North West CDC, and LTA.

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### **Singapore Environment Council**

Established in 1995, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is an independently managed, non-government organisation that nurtures, facilitates and co-ordinates environmental causes in Singapore. SEC's work is founded on three pillars of action – Firstly, partnership with the people, private and public sectors of Singaporean society, to nurture a culture aligned with sustainable development concepts. Secondly, SEC rewards environmental excellence through awards schemes and product endorsement programmes, such as the Singapore Green Labelling Scheme. Thirdly, the SEC collaborates with partners to develop and implement training and learning programmes to build competencies in environmental sustainability within companies, thus keeping our business leaders ahead of the curve. For more information, please visit: [www.sec.org.sg](http://www.sec.org.sg)

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