

SEC strengthens Singapore Green Labelling Scheme

Singapore, 25 April 2016 - The Singapore Green Labelling Scheme (SGLS) is one of the most established type 1 eco-labelling scheme that authorises the use of environmental labels on products indicating overall environmental preferability within a particular product category based on life cycle considerations. With more than 3,000 unique products certified across 29 countries, SGLS has been providing consumers and commercial organisations the option to procure green products for over two decades.

There is a robust and stringent process that companies have to undergo in order for their products to obtain SGLS certification, which is aligned to the standards of the Global Ecolabelling Network's International Coordinated Ecolabelling System.

Strategic planning and operational oversight of the Singapore Green Label is steered by the Green Label Steering Committee, which reports in to the SEC Board. This Committee is chaired by Mr Zechariah Chan, Partner- Intellectual Property from Lee & Lee who is supported by five members from the Singapore Manufacturing Federation, Consumers Association of Singapore, the National Water Agency PUB, the National Environment Agency and Swire Pacific Offshore Operations Pte Ltd. The daily operations of the SGLS is administered by 7 full time staff.

SEC is pleased to announce our memberships with the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO - www.rspo.org) and Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC - www.ic.fsc.org). We are the first NGO in Singapore to take up memberships in both international certification organisations. These memberships will provide us with a greater international presence and aid in adopting best practices in these two specific industry segments - pulp and paper, and palm oil.

SEC may now take part and vote in discussions around how FSC and RSPO work, including their standards and principles. With their extensive global network and industrial expertise, we can tap on their pool of information and database when there is a need to ascertain certain application details submitted by SGLS customers. It also opens up more opportunities to network and collaborate with international players from the environment scene.

We will be announcing the new SGLS enhancements in due course.