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PUBLIC SECTOR WILL LEAD THE WAY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY DISCLOSURES AND GREEN PROCUREMENT

Singapore, 2 March 2023 – Starting in Financial Year (FY) 2023, the Government will publish an annual GreenGov.SG report detailing our efforts, progress and plans to drive environmental sustainability. All Statutory Boards will publish annual environmental sustainability disclosures beginning in FY2024. The Government will also enhance its green procurement policies.

The GreenGov.SG initiative was launched in 2021 as a key enabler of the Singapore Green Plan 2030. Under GreenGov.SG, the Government has committed to achieve several sustainability targets by 2030, including for energy, water, and waste, and to achieve net zero emissions around 2045, five years ahead of our national target of Net Zero by 2050.

Annual GreenGov.SG Report and Environmental Sustainability Disclosures by Statutory Boards

- 3 Starting in FY2023, the Government will publish an annual report to detail our efforts, progress and plans under GreenGov.SG.
- In addition, from FY2024, all Statutory Boards will publish annual environmental sustainability disclosures, setting out their efforts, progress and plans. A few Statutory Boards have already taken the initiative to publish sustainability disclosures in recent years. Through this process, they have systematically incorporated sustainability in their key decision-making and risk management frameworks and achieved concrete sustainability outcomes.
- 5 Through these disclosures, we aim to encourage more companies to track, plan and disclose their environmental performance as we transit towards a greener economy.

Enhancing Procurement Policies to Further Incorporate Environmental Sustainability Considerations

- As a major purchaser of goods and services, the public sector can play a catalytic role in encouraging the industry to develop greener products and adopt greener practices. The Government has adopted green procurement since 2007, covering goods such as Information, Communications and Technology (ICT) equipment, electrical appliances, buildings, and vehicles. Details can be found in the **Annex**. To further support Singapore's transition to a greener economy, the Government will enhance its procurement policies.
- From FY2024, more environmental sustainability considerations will be progressively introduced into the Government's tender evaluation process. We will start with large

construction and ICT tenders. These sectors make up more than 60% of the value of Government procurement contracts awarded. For these tenders, we will set aside up to 5 per cent of the tender evaluation points for environmental sustainability. We will be conducting industry consultations and more details will be shared when ready.

8 The Government will progressively introduce sustainability considerations into its procurement in more sectors. By doing so, suppliers will be encouraged to grow their capabilities in sustainability as they bid for Government contracts. This will also enhance their competitiveness in a global green economy.

Catalysing a sustainability movement across Singapore

The Government alone cannot achieve a transformative sustainability movement across the country. As such, we are partnering the private sector and communities in their efforts to go green. The Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) and Enterprise Singapore (EnterpriseSG) have also announced new sustainability initiatives at MTI's 2023 Committee of Supply Debate to provide more support for businesses in our journey to a green economy.

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About the Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment

The Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE) is committed to providing Singaporeans with a clean and sustainable environment, and resilient supplies of safe food and water.

MSE works alongside its three statutory boards – the National Environment Agency (NEA), PUB, Singapore's National Water Agency, and the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) – to achieve this mission through innovation, technology, and vibrant partnerships with the private, public, and people (3P) sectors.

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Existing Green Procurement Requirements

Goods and	Requirements
services	
Buildings	 All new and existing buildings (upon major retrofitting) are to achieve Green Mark Platinum Super Low Energy (SLE) standard with Maintainability Badge or equivalent.
Air- conditioners	 Minimum 5-ticks and using refrigerant with Global Warming Potential (GWP) ≤ 750 for split unit air-conditioner models (up to 10kW cooling capacity) Minimum 3-ticks and using refrigerant with GWP ≤ 750 (if available) for split unit air-conditioner models above 10kW cooling capacity Minimum 3-ticks and using refrigerant with GWP ≤ 750 (when available) for 3-phase Variable Refrigerant Flow models
Refrigerators	 Minimum 3-ticks and using refrigerant with GWP ≤ 15
Televisions	Minimum 4-ticks for all sizes
Lamps	 Minimum 3-ticks for integrated Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLi) and Light Emitting Diode (LED) bulbs (Bayonet, Edison base) Minimum 2-ticks for Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLni) and LED bulbs (G24 base) Minimum 2-ticks for tubular lamps (G13 base)
Water fittings and equipment	 Minimum 3-ticks for basin taps, shower taps, urinals and dual-flush low capacity flushing cisterns Maximum 6L/min for high pressure washer jets Maximum 7.8L/kg for top/front load and 12L/kg for side load washer extractors Maximum 2L/rack for dishwashers of undercounter/hood type, 1L/rack for single tank conveyor, 0.66L/rack for multi-tank conveyor, and 0.59L/rack for flight type
Building products	Relevant building products for interior use (e.g. wall and ceiling finishes) that are accredited with the Singapore Green Labelling Scheme by the Singapore Environment Council, or Singapore Green Building Certification scheme by the Singapore Green Building Council, where available
Printing paper	White printing paper that is accredited with the Enhanced Singapore Green Labelling Scheme by the Singapore Environment Council
ICT equipment	ICT equipment that meet the latest ENERGY STAR standards, where available
Vehicles	All cars procured and registered are to be clean energy vehicles with zero tailpipe emissions, starting from 2023