



Media release

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Investigations Ongoing into Oil Slicks off Tuas Port

In response to media queries, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), together with the National Environment Agency (NEA) and JTC Corporation (JTC), confirmed that the agencies are investigating reports of the periodic oil slicks off Tuas Port waters.

2 Initial investigations by agencies and findings from laboratory tests on oil samples by PSA, which were reviewed by MPA, revealed that the source is likely to have originated from further inland.

3 Further investigations by NEA are ongoing, to identify probable upstream landward sources of the oil pollution, which may have flown through the drain networks to sea.

4 JTC has installed oil booms and CCTV cameras along an open seaward section of a key drainage to monitor oil gathered at the booms. Night patrol along Tuas South Ave 16 and Tuas South Way has been deployed to intensify the surveillance of the area.

5 NEA has also issued guidance and reminders to various premises in the vicinity of Tuas Port on the appropriate management of waste oil.

6 MPA is deploying regular patrols to monitor the waters off Tuas Port, with oil spill response craft ready to be activated at short notice, to deal with any oil slicks at waters off Tuas Port quickly.

7 There is currently no evidence indicating a single source of the oil pollution. The oil slicks have not significantly impacted port operations or navigation.

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MPA was established on 2 February 1996 with the mission to develop Singapore as a premier global hub port and international maritime centre, and to advance and

safeguard Singapore's strategic maritime interests. MPA is the driving force behind Singapore's port and maritime development, taking on the roles of port authority, maritime and port regulator and planner, international maritime centre champion, national maritime representative and a champion of digitalisation and decarbonisation efforts at regional and international fora such as at the International Maritime Organization. MPA partners industry, research community and other agencies to enhance safety, security and environmental protection in our waters, facilitate maritime and port operations and growth, expand the cluster of maritime ancillary services, and develops maritime digitalisation and decarbonisation policies and plans, R&D and manpower development. MPA is responsible for the overall development and growth of the maritime domain and Port of Singapore. In 2023, Singapore's annual vessel arrival tonnage crossed 3 billion Gross Tonnage and it remains the world's busiest transshipment hub with a total container throughput of 39.0 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

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