SEMBCORP SIGNS MASTER AGREEMENT FOR NEW INTEGRATED INDUSTRIAL TOWNSHIP PROJECT IN GUANGXI, CHINA

SINGAPORE, October 22, 2008 – Sembcorp has signed a Master Agreement to invest in its third industrial township project in China and its first in South China, the Guangxi-Singapore Industrial Park. The signing took place today during the 5th China-ASEAN Business & Investment Summit in Nanning, between Sembcorp Industrial Parks, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sembcorp Industries, and the Guangxi Nongken Bureau, an administrative organisation of the Guangxi provincial government.

The Master Agreement establishes an understanding for the joint development of an integrated industrial township project in Beihai, Guangxi, in South China. The proposed industrial township will span two separate locations: 500 hectares in Tieshangang and 1,000 hectares in Konggang. Owing to its proximity to Tieshangang Port, the proposed site in Tieshangang has been earmarked for predominantly industrial use. The Konggang site, which is 15 kilometres away from Beihai City, is to be developed as an industrial township encompassing industrial, commercial and residential facilities. The entire 1,500 hectare project is expected to be worth up to RMB 1.7 billion over ten years, with the first phase of development expected to cover 260 hectares.

The Guangxi-Singapore Industrial Park will be Sembcorp’s first industrial park and township project in southern China. Its location offers a strategic advantage, as Guangxi is well-connected to ASEAN via overland connections to Vietnam and sea routes via the Beibu Gulf, also known as the Gulf of Tonkin. With this, Guangxi is in a good position to benefit from trade opportunities and investments arising from the upcoming ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement. Guangxi also benefits from ready transportation links between South and Southwest China.

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Pictured: Mr Liu Zhi Yong, Chairman of Guangxi Nongken Group (seated, second from left) and Ms Low Sin Leng, Executive Chairman of Sembcorp Industrial Parks (seated, third from left) at the signing ceremony for the Master Agreement.

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ABOUT SEMBCORP INDUSTRIES

Sembcorp Industries Ltd is a leading utilities and marine group. The Group provides centralised utilities, energy and water to industrial and other customers in Singapore, the United Kingdom, Asia and the Middle East. It is a global leader in marine and offshore engineering and also a provider of environmental and industrial park management services in the region. Sembcorp has total assets of over S$9 billion and employs more than 7,000 employees. Listed on the main board of the Singapore Exchange, Sembcorp is a component stock of the Straits Times Index and several MSCI indices.

Note to Editors:

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ABOUT SEMBCORP’S INDUSTRIAL PARKS BUSINESS

Sembcorp Industrial Parks Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sembcorp Industries. It is recognised as one of the leading integrated industrial space providers in Southeast Asia, having attracted more than 500 customers to its regional industrial properties. It owns, develops, markets and manages renowned industrial parks in Indonesia (Batam & Bintan), China (Wuxi) and Vietnam (Binh Duong and Bac Ninh).


ABOUT GUANGXI PROVINCE AND BEIHAI CITY

Guangxi Province is strategically located in the southwest region of China, bordering Vietnam, provinces of Guangdong, Yunnan, Guizhou, Hunan and the Beibu Gulf (also known as Gulf of Tonkin). It serves as an important gateway from China to countries in ASEAN and plays a significant role in the economic development of China’s Southwest Region and the Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Region. Guangxi is considered to have the most convenient seaborne route to southwest China, and is the hinge for transportation from southern China to southwest China. Guangxi is one of the provinces that has been classified under the Western Region Development Plan and enjoys significant incentives and tax benefits from the government.
Beihai is a coastal city with a population of 1.5 million people. Beihai Port is one of two main international seaports in the Beibu Gulf; the other is Vietnam's Haiphong Port. In January 2008, the central government authorised the Guangxi Beibu Gulf Economic Zone Development Plan which lays out the zone's planning scheme until year 2020, including the four cities of Nanning, Beihai, Qinzhou and Fangchenggang.