

MEDIA RELEASE

CHAIRMAN OF EDB BOARD RE-APPOINTED

The Minister for Trade and Industry has re-appointed Mr Lim Siong Guan as Chairman of the Board of the Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB). In addition, three new members and three members have been re-appointed to the EDB Board. The appointments take effect from 1 February 2008.

New Appointments

- Mr George Goh Tiong Yong – Executive Chairman, Meiban Group Ltd
- Professor Lui Pao Chuen – Chief Defence Scientist, MINDEF
- Mr Ashwin Muthiah – Director, Tamilnadu Petroproducts & TPL India Singapore (TPLIS) Pte Ltd

A write-up on these new Board Members is attached at Annex A.

Re-appointments

- Mr Lim Siong Guan – Chairman, EDB
- Mr Ko Kheng Hwa - Managing Director, EDB
- Mr Goh Chye Boon - Deputy Secretary (Industry), Ministry of Trade and Industry
- Mdm Halimah Yacob - Deputy Secretary General, National Trades Union Congress

2. MTI and EDB extend their sincere appreciation to the following Board members for their invaluable contributions during their term of appointment:

- Dr Ulrich Ackerman - President & CEO, Schott Asia
- Mr David Ross - Regional Vice President, South Pacific, Federal Express
- Mr Bernard Toh - Executive Chairman, UniSteel Technology

3. EDB's Board comprises 12 members and its composition is attached at Annex B.

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New EDB Board Members

Mr George Goh Tiong Yong
Executive Chairman, Meiban Group Ltd



Goh Tiong Yong is currently the Executive Chairman of the Board and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Meiban Group Ltd. Meiban was recognised as one of Asia Pacific's 100 Most Promising Small Companies by Forbes Global in 2004 and 2005, and as Singapore's Top 15 growing company in 2006 by DP Network.

Mr Goh spent some years of his career working for Japanese company Daimei before starting Meiban in 1986. He grew it from a home-grown plastic injection moulding company into a niche, advanced precision mould-maker & plastic moulding MNC. It has also established its reputation as a high-tech product Contract Manufacturer. By 2006, it has achieved over \$500 million in total group sales, employing some 6,600 employees across its 15 plants in the region.

Mr Goh was awarded PBM in 1993 and BBM in 1999.

He is married with two daughters.

Adjunct Professor Lui Pao Chuen
Chief Defence Scientist, Ministry of Defence

Prof Lui Pao Chuen is Singapore's Chief Defence Scientist since 1986. He concurrently holds appointments on the management boards of Jurong International Holdings Pte Ltd, Singapore Technologies Electronics Ltd, Sembcorp Design and Construction Pte Ltd, Temasek Defence Systems Institute, Temasek Laboratories @ Nanyang Technological University, Temasek Laboratories @ National University of Singapore and Tropical Marine Science Institute. Prof Lui is also Senior Adviser of the President of NTU; Special Adviser of the President of NUS; Chief Scientific Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Adviser, National Research Foundation.



Prof Lui began his career as a Scientific Officer in the Radio & Space Research Station. In 1966, he joined MINDEF as a Logistics officer, and in 1970, established the Science & Management Group. After a Master's Degree in Operations Research from the United States Naval Postgraduate School, he was appointed Special Projects Director, Director JOPD and Senior Director of the Defence Material Organisation (DMO).

Prof Lui graduated from the University of Singapore in 1965 with a degree in Physics and holds an Adjunct Professorship in Faculty of Engineering in the National University of Singapore and Adjunct Professorship in the College of Engineering, Nanyang Technological University.

Mr Ashwin Muthiah

Director, Tamilnadu Petroproducts & TPL India Singapore (TPLIS) Pte Ltd



Ashwin Chidambaram Muthiah heads the global operations of one of India's most eminent business families, the MA Chidambaram Group. The Group's business interests include logistics, engineering services, fertilisers, petrochemicals, trading and shipping and offshore services with presence in South Asia, South East Asia and West Asia. The companies in which Ashwin Muthiah and associates have invested in have attracted prominent partners and collaborators—these include PSA-Singapore, Certis Cisco-Singapore, Technip-France, Henkel-Germany, Yamatake-Japan, Mitsuba-Japan, and Jordan Phosphate Mines Company.

Mr Muthiah currently serves as Chairman on the management board of SDB CISCO India Ltd, Sical Logistics Ltd and Wilson International Trading Private Limited. He is also Vice-Chairman of PSA SICAL Terminals Ltd, Southern Petrochemical Industries Corp Ltd and Technip India Limited, in addition to directorship roles with Indo-Jordan Chemicals Company Ltd, Sciencetec Private Limited, Manali Petrochemical Ltd, Mitsuba SICAL India Ltd, and SPEL Semiconductor Limited.

Mr Muthiah's philanthropic interests include directorships of Trusts and Foundations in India promoting Primary Healthcare, Education, Music, Literature and Sports. He is Consul General Ad Honorum of The Republic of Philippines in Chennai, India.

Mr Muthiah holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Philadelphia University, USA, and a Bachelor Degree in Commerce from Loyola College, University of Madras, India.

Mr Muthiah is a permanent resident of Singapore. He is married with two daughters, both of whom study in Singapore.

EDB Board Members

Chairman

Mr Lim Siong Guan

Members

Mr Ko Kheng Hwa
Managing Director, EDB

Mr Jonathan Asherson
Regional Director – South East Asia
Rolls-Royce Singapore

Mr Goh Chye Boon
Deputy Secretary (Industry)
Ministry of Trade and Industry

Mr George Goh Tiong Yong
Executive Chairman
Meiban Group Ltd

Mr Patrick A J Gyselinck
Vice President, Global Supply Chain - Asia Region
Schering-Plough Ltd

Mdm Halimah Yacob
Deputy Secretary General
National Trades Union Congress

Ms Deborah Henretta
Group President – Asia
Procter & Gamble

Professor Lui Pao Chuen
Chief Defence Scientist
Ministry of Defence (MINDEF)

Mr Ashwin Muthiah
Director
TPL India Singapore (TPLIS) Pte Ltd

Mr Shunsuke Ohtsu
Chief Executive - Asia, Hitachi Ltd and
Chairman, Hitachi Asia Ltd

Professor Gregory Paul Whittred
University of New South Wales
Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants &
Certified Practising Accountant, Australia