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SECOND MINISTER DR TAN SEE LENG REPRESENTS SINGAPORE AT G20 ENERGY MINISTERIAL MEETING

1 Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Trade and Industry & Manpower Dr Tan See Leng represented Singapore at the G20 Energy Ministerial Meeting (EMM), which was held via videoconference on 27 and 28 September 2020.

At the meeting, Energy Ministers of G20 members and guest countries exchanged views on critical energy-related issues such as the circular carbon economy, universal energy access and the importance of energy security and markets stability. The Ministers also endorsed the Energy Ministerial Communiqué, which outlines the G20's commitments to (i) accelerate progress towards a cleaner and more sustainable energy future; (ii) improve access to reliable and affordable energy; and (iii) promote open, flexible energy markets and reliable energy systems.

3 Dr Tan said, "COVID-19 has impacted our economies and the energy sector in profound ways. Amidst the disruption caused as a result of the slowing global economy, it has also accelerated the digitalisation of our economy and energy systems, unlocking new value and business models. Singapore will work closely with G20 members to strengthen the resilience of our energy systems to cope with growing electricity demand, and advance our progress towards a low-carbon energy transition and global economic recovery."

4 Singapore was invited to participate in the meeting as a guest by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who holds the 2020 G20 Presidency. The videoconference was also attended by Ministers from G20 members Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States, as well as guest countries Jordan, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Arab Emirates.

5 On the sidelines of the G20 EMM, Dr Tan had a virtual meeting with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Minister of Energy His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman. Dr Tan lauded the leadership of the Saudi Presidency in stabilising global energy markets impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Both Ministers explored opportunities for further energy collaborations in the energy sector. Dr Tan also invited His Royal Highness to participate in the Singapore International Energy Week 2020 next month.

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Annex: Photo and Caption

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Caption: Second Minister for Trade and Industry & Manpower Dr Tan See Leng at the G20 Energy Ministerial Meeting, which was held via videoconference on 27 and 28 September 2020.