

SINGAPORE AND NEW ZEALAND SIGN ARRANGEMENT REGARDING COOPERATION ON LOW-CARBON HYDROGEN

1. Second Minister for Trade and Industry Dr Tan See Leng and New Zealand's Minister for Energy and Resources Megan Woods signed an Arrangement regarding Cooperation on Low-Carbon Hydrogen in a virtual ceremony today.
2. The Arrangement will foster closer cooperation between Singapore and New Zealand by facilitating opportunities to (i) chart standards and certifications and scale up our respective hydrogen economies, (ii) establish supply chains for low-carbon hydrogen and its derivatives, (iii) conduct joint research, development and deployment studies (RD&D), and (iv) strengthen networks and partnerships. It will also help Singapore build an international network for low-carbon hydrogen cooperation and strengthen our hub capabilities within the global low-carbon hydrogen value chain. This is crucial for an alternative energy disadvantaged country like Singapore as we create an energy future that is cleaner, more efficient and more secure. These technologies will support our efforts to meet our climate commitments, as set out in our enhanced 2030 Nationally Determined Contribution and Long-Term Low-Emissions Development Strategy, and the Singapore Green Plan 2030.
3. To date, Singapore has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Australia on low-emissions technologies, and an MOU with Chile on low-carbon hydrogen. Singapore continues to welcome partnerships with like-minded countries to develop emerging low-carbon technological solutions. Such collaborations could include joint contributions to international regulations, standards and certification on these emerging technologies, and participation in joint Research, Design and Development (RD&D) and testbeds.
4. Dr Tan said, "This Arrangement regarding Cooperation on Low-Carbon Hydrogen is a key milestone in our bilateral energy cooperation, that will further strengthen the relationship between Singapore and New Zealand. It will also play a critical role in helping us to decarbonise our economies and contribute towards our ongoing energy transition efforts, as we build a low-carbon future together."
5. Ms Woods said, "This arrangement builds on the Singapore-New Zealand Enhanced Partnership signed in 2019 and marks the start of a journey between our two countries to collaborate on the production, deployment and research into a new hydrogen economy. Sharing knowledge about hydrogen, both from its use and deployment through small demonstration projects up to large scale construction, will assist both countries to transform our respective energy and transport sectors. Cooperation around the research and development of new hydrogen technologies will also be of immense benefit."
6. Singapore and New Zealand share excellent relations underpinned by the Singapore-New Zealand Enhanced Partnership (EP) agreement, and key

economic agreements such as the Agreement between New Zealand and Singapore on a Closer Economic Partnership (ANZSCEP). Our countries' partnership strengthened further in 2020, when we collaborated on several COVID-19 initiatives, such as the Joint Ministerial Statement on Supply Chain Connectivity, the Declaration on Trade in Essential Goods and the Singapore-New Zealand Airfreight Project. In January 2021, New Zealand, Singapore and Chile also welcomed the entry into force of the Digital Economy Partnership Agreement.

7. The signing of this Arrangement signals Singapore's strong commitment towards collaborating with like-minded partners to promote the adoption of emerging low-carbon technologies in our energy mix.

Annex A: Photo and Caption

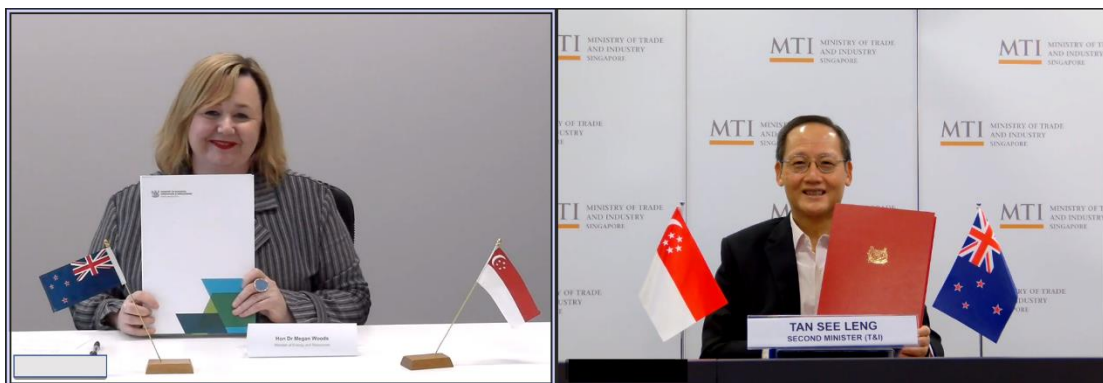
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Caption: Second Minister for Trade and Industry Dr Tan See Leng and New Zealand's Minister for Energy and Resources Megan Woods signed an Arrangement regarding Cooperation on Low-Carbon Hydrogen on 15 July 2021.