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**THE MARINA BAY CRUISE CENTRE SINGAPORE USHERS IN  
A NEW ERA OF NAUTICAL TRAVEL**

*One of the largest cruise ships in the world, Voyager of the Seas,  
to be first ship to dock at the new terminal on 26 May 2012*



*Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore*

**Singapore, 22 May 2012** – The highly anticipated Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore (MBCCS) at Marina South is set to welcome its first ship, Royal Caribbean International’s 138,000-tonne *Voyager of the Seas*, as it docks for the very first time in Singapore on 26 May 2012. The ship, with a capacity of 3,840 passengers and 1,176 crew, is the largest ever to homeport in Singapore, and will pave the way for the newer generation of larger cruise liners to dock in Singapore and Asia, including Oasis-Class ships.

The purpose-built 28,000-square-meter terminal, which is operated by SATS-Creuers Cruise Services (SCCS), has effectively doubled Singapore’s berth capacity. With deep water, a large turning basin and no height restrictions, the terminal has the capability to dock ships of up to 220,000 gross register tonnage (GRT) and measuring up to 360m in length with a hull draft of up to 11.5m.

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A spacious arrival and departure hall comprising 80 check-in counters and up to 40 immigration counters, as well as a large ground transportation area, will allow the handling of up to 6,800 passengers at any one time. A suite of services across the cruise value chain from bunkering to logistics provisioning and ground handling, will be provided, together with facilities such as car park lots, coach bays, GST refund counters, VIP lounges, waiting areas, offices and taxi stands.

“Cruise terminals are built to cater to large numbers of passengers in a short period of time. As such, our mission is to have passengers disembark from their ships and leave the terminal swiftly to continue on with their holiday itinerary. We plan to do so by leveraging both SATS and Creuers’ respective strengths and competencies in gateway services and cruise terminal operations,” said Mr Melvin Vu, Chief Executive Officer of SCCS.

He added: “The opening of the Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore marks a momentous development for the cruise industry in Singapore and we look forward to receiving guests from all over the world. Singapore’s strategic location coupled with the terminal’s state-of-the-art facilities and proximity to the city and Singapore Changi Airport will anchor the country’s position as Asia’s leading cruise hub and further enhance its reputation as a global leader in travel services.”

Currently, the terminal is only open to cruise liners, passengers and authorised personnel. Details on the terminal’s official opening and the Open House for public will be announced at a later date.

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**About SATS-Creuers Cruise Services Pte Ltd**

SATS-Creuers Cruise Services (SCCS) is the terminal operator of Singapore's new cruise terminal at Marina South. SCCS is a 60:40 joint venture between SATS, the leading provider of gateway services and food solutions in Singapore, and Creuers del Port de Barcelona (Creuers), terminal operator of Europe's leading cruise homeport, with SATS holding the majority stake.

With over 60 years of operating experience, SATS handles about 80 percent of the scheduled flights and serves close to 60 scheduled airlines at Singapore Changi Airport. It has presence in 36 airports in 10 countries and through its non-aviation food business, it has also extended its presence in Australia and China. SATS' comprehensive scope of gateway services encompasses airfreight handling, passenger services, ramp handling, baggage handling, aviation security, aircraft interior and exterior cleaning, as well as cruise handling and terminal management while its food solutions business comprises airline catering, food distribution and logistics, institutional catering as well as airline linen laundry.

Creuers manages the Port of Barcelona cruise terminals and is the leading international cruise terminal operator in Europe. Handling over 600 regular ship calls annually, with seven simultaneous ships on some days, the Port of Barcelona is now the fourth largest cruise homeport in the world in terms of passenger throughput.

Having strengths in both the aviation and cruise industry, SCCS will leverage on both SATS and Creuers' experiences and expertise to offer innovative, quality services to the cruise lines while enhancing the travel experience of cruise passengers at various touch points. Some of the services that the team has initiated with cruise lines include Fly-Cruise and Cruise-Fly, both of which are aimed at providing cruise passengers a seamless and hassle-free travel experience.