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**MARINA BAY CRUISE CENTRE SINGAPORE WELCOMES  
CELEBRITY CRUISES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ASIA**

*Celebrity Solstice to berth overnight at the newly opened cruise terminal, which would also serve as a regional base for Celebrity Millennium*



Figure 1: Celebrity Solstice in berth at MBCCS

**Singapore, 23 November 2012** – *Celebrity Solstice* has docked at the Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore (MBCCS) today, the first stop in her maiden voyage to Asia. Named by the world-renowned Frommer’s travel guide book as ‘the most flagrantly beautiful megaship ever built’, this sleek, contemporary marvel of modern engineering is the first of the *Celebrity* cruise ships to visit Asia.

Following closely behind *Celebrity Solstice* will be *Celebrity Millennium*, which will home-port at MBCCS from 8 December 2012, using Singapore and MBCCS as its hub for its Asian voyages in the coming year.

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Both world-class ships are operated by Royal Caribbean Cruises Limited, which has chosen Singapore and MBCCS as the springboard to cruise destinations within the region. This significantly underscores the cruise company's confidence that Singapore and MBCCS have the resources and facilities to accommodate its cruise liners' foray into Asia, and ultimately be the catalyst to grow the cruise industry within the region.

Melvin Vu, Chief Executive Officer of SATS-Creuers Cruise Services (SCCS) says, "MBCCS was built to dock bigger cruise ships and enhance cruise passengers' experience, and *Celebrity Solstice* and *Celebrity Millennium* will definitely enjoy their stays. Our facilities and proximity to the city centre have been the key reasons for Celebrity Cruises' decision to use our terminal, providing passengers with a seamless transition from the luxury vessels to the vibrancy and unique appeal of Singapore. We look forward to welcoming more premium cruise ships to MBCCS and giving Singaporeans a rich variety of travel options and reaffirming our status as a world-class cruise hub."

The four year old *Celebrity Solstice* features a wide range of premium dining and activity choices in keeping with the legendary *Celebrity* cruising experience. The 122,000 tonne ship ensures a premium experience for all its 2,850 passengers by effortlessly combining elegance and elements of modern art in a plethora of open, public spaces, including a freshly manicured natural grass lawn on the top deck.

With luxurious accommodations and intuitive service for its 2,138 passengers, the 91,000 tonne *Celebrity Millennium* is top of the rankings among large cruise ships. Passengers can enjoy a myriad of Solstice® Class features such as the Celebrity iLounge<sup>SM</sup>, an ice-topped Martini Bar, Café al Bacio & Gelateria, a Cellar Masters Wine Bar, and the uniquely unordinary<sup>SM</sup> Qsine® specialty restaurant.

In conjunction with the arrival of *Celebrity Solstice*, a new DriveCruise service has been introduced at MBCCS, giving cruise passengers special parking rates and a valet service to ensure an uninterrupted passage from car to cruise ship. Upon their return to MBCCS, the valet service will move passengers' cars to the pick-up area, expediting processing time and promising the perfect end to any cruise holiday.

For more information on Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore, please visit [www.mbccs.com.sg](http://www.mbccs.com.sg).

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**About Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore**

Located near Singapore's lifestyle and financial hub at Marina South, the 28,000-square-meter Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore (MBCCS) is the first purpose-built terminal and one of the biggest in Asia.

With deep waters, a large turning basin, and no height restrictions, the MBCCS has a finger pier comprising two berths which effectively double Singapore's berth capacity. The terminal also 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.

The spacious arrival and departure halls as well as a large ground transportation area will allow the terminal to handle 6,800 passengers at any time. Other facilities include 25 coach bays, 327 car park lots and convenient road access, with provisions being made for future walkway linkages to MRT stations, the waterfront promenade and the park.

Cruise-Fly packages are also available, facilitated by the terminal's convenient access to the airport, as well as DriveCruise services.

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

SATS-Creuers Cruise Services (SCCS) is the terminal operator of Marina Bay Cruise Centre Singapore. 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, China and Saudi Arabia. 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.

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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 delightful and hassle-free travel experience.