

## Singapore's vCargo Cloud Inks Single Window Project in Gabon Special Economic Zone in Central Africa, Extending CamelONE™ Platform's Connectivity to 15 Countries



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- **vCargo Cloud Pte. Ltd. ("VCC") has signed a tripartite agreement with Gabon Special Economic Zone ("GSEZ") and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise ("SCE") to develop a Single Electronic Window solution to facilitate trade and increase efficiencies for the Nkok SEZ**
- **The agreement marks VCC's foray into the Central Africa Francophone countries and extends CamelONE™'s reach to 15 countries**

**Singapore, 11 October 2018** – Singapore-based global trade facilitation platform provider vCargo Cloud Pte. Ltd. ("VCC") has signed a tripartite agreement with the Gabon Special Economic Zone ("GSEZ"), a joint venture of the Gabonese Republic, Olam International and African Finance Corporation, and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise ("SCE") to develop a Single Electronic Window solution to facilitate trade and increase trade efficiencies for the Special Economic Zone in Nkok, Gabon ("Nkok SEZ").

The Single Electronic Window System, also known as the Guichet Unique électronique de Nkok ("GUEN"), is a centralised platform that links multiple systems operated by a variety of organisations that collectively make up the Nkok SEZ community located in Nkok town in northwestern Gabon, a nation of 2 million people.

The GUEN will improve the Nkok SEZ's trade flow and competitiveness by streamlining processes such as the import, export, and storage of goods, as well as reducing cross-border risks and costs. It will improve interconnectivity by harmonising stakeholder data, minimising human error and providing greater visibility of the entire logistics and supply chain.

The GUEN is built on VCC's CamelONET™ platform, which is already used across 14 countries in Asia, Central Asia and also in Africa where multiple revenue and port authorities within the East African Community have been linked up through a Single Customs Territory solution.

The CamelONET™ platform revolutionises global trade by connecting importers, exporters, logistics companies, warehouses, banks, insurers, government agencies and other players onto a neutral and unified platform that supports the entire trade process, simplifying cross-border trade.

The agreement in Gabon complements VCC's overall strategy to expand the global reach of the CamelONET™ platform and digitalise global trade, allowing stakeholders to move towards paperless transactions. VCC is a 50.01%-held subsidiary of SGX Catalist-listed DeClout Limited.

**Mr Desmond Tay, Chief Executive Officer of VCC**, commented, "We are happy to partner with GSEZ and SCE on the GUEN project for the Nkok SEZ. This project serves as a testament to VCC's capabilities in implementing trade facilitation platform solutions that help governments and traders improve efficiencies and save costs."

**Mr Marc Liew, Deputy Director of SCE**, said, "The new GUEN will enhance trade competitiveness and workflow efficiencies, helping companies in the Nkok SEZ save on time and costs especially in international trade transactions. We believe regional businesses also stand to benefit upon the completion of the GUEN."

**Mr Gabriel Ntougou, Director General of AAN**, said, "The GUEN is an important platform that will enhance communications within the GSEZ community. With VCC's strong background and understanding of trade facilitation across different countries, we

believe the GUEN will definitely be able to improve workflows for the various departments in the Nkok SEZ.”

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### **About vCargo Cloud (“VCC”)**

Headquartered in Singapore, VCC is the leading Infocomm Technology (“ICT”) solutions and service provider in Asia, specialising in technological solutions for governments and enterprises worldwide, in the domain of trade and logistics. We provide e-trade and e-freight solutions through VCC CamelONE™ platform, connecting key stakeholders in the trade and logistics industry globally; including government agencies, traders, freight forwarders, carriers and financial institutions.

Backed by a team of experienced and dedicated IT and logistics professionals, VCC revolutionises the e-trade sector through designing and providing an IT infrastructure consisting of a cloud messaging platform that enables the exchange of digitalised data for cargo and financial information, allowing stakeholders in trade, logistics and supply chain to communicate and collaborate virtually on the platform, simplifying global trade.

On an international level, VCC’s strategic partners include Asian Development Bank, International Air Transport Association, International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations, Kenya Trade Network Agency, and Mauritius Network Services. Additionally, we also work closely with Singapore government agencies, including CAAS, Enterprise Singapore, IMDA, SCE, Singapore Customs, as well as chambers and industrial associations.

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### **About Gabon Special Economic Zone (“GSEZ”)**

GSEZ SA is a joint venture of the Gabonese Republic, Olam International and African Finance Corporation with a mandate to develop infrastructure in the country to enhance the country’s industrial competitiveness and build a business friendly ecosystem.

GSEZ SA started development of 1126 ha Special Economic Zone (“SEZ”) at Nkok (20 Km from the capital city of Libreville) in 2010 after ban on exports of raw timber to provide amenable ecosystem and world class infrastructure to facilitate the secondary and tertiary processing of timber and other natural resources within Gabon. GSEZ SA is a developer as well as Operations and Maintenance Authority for SEZ at Nkok, operating and maintaining infrastructure and utilities within SEZ.

For more information, please visit [www.gsez.com](http://www.gsez.com)

### **About Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (“SCE”)**

SCE is an agency formed by the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore in May 2006 to respond effectively to the multitude of foreign requests to tap on Singapore's development experience. SCE works closely with Singapore's 16 ministries and over 60 statutory boards to tailor possible solutions to match the foreign parties' needs. SCE also serves as a focal point of access to expertise across these public agencies.

SCE's primary mission is to lead in public sector collaboration projects with foreign governments so as to build long-term partnerships with foreign parties and offer opportunities for Singapore's private sector. SCE is currently the integrated arm of Enterprise Singapore, the Singapore government agency championing enterprise development and supporting the growth of Singapore as a hub for trading and startups.

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