



METAX ENGINEERING CORPORATION LIMITED

28 Third Lok Yang Road, Singapore 628016

Tel: (65) 6265 9422 Fax: (65) 6265 6630

Website: <http://www.metax.com>

MEDIA RELEASE

(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

Metax Engineering Completes Acquisition of Stake in Palm Oil Biofuel Engineering Firm

- *Target firm WS Bioengineering Pte. Ltd. (“WS Bio”) owns a majority controlling stake in Oiltek Sdn Bhd (“Oiltek”), a Malaysian company which has been in the business of designing and constructing palm oil refining, nutrient extraction and biofuel refining facilities in key developing markets of Asia, Africa and Central America.*
- *Acquisition is aimed at boosting future earnings and opening new business opportunities in providing engineering and construction of palm oil refining and related facilities.*



Picture: Mr. Tan Tze Wen, Managing Director of Metax Engineering Corporation Limited (Left) and Mr. Wong Seong, Managing Director of WS Bioengineering Pte. Ltd. (Right) completing the acquisition of the Company’s 40% stake in WS Bioengineering Pte. Ltd.

SINGAPORE – THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2008 – Metax Engineering Corporation Limited (“Metax Engineering” or together with its subsidiaries “the Group”) a home-

grown environmental engineering company listed on the Official List of the SGX Catalist had yesterday completed its acquisition of a 40% stake in WS Bio, a firm which owns a majority controlling stake in Oiltek.

The transfer of the 40% stake in WS Bio has been completed from Mr Wong Seong, the vendor and shareholder of WS Bio to Metax Engineering. The purchase consideration to be paid by Metax Engineering will be ascertained based on earnings of WS Bio for the year ended 30 June 2008 in accordance with the terms of the share acquisition agreement entered into by Metax Engineering, Wong Seong and WS Bio.

Marking this important development, Mr Tan Tze Wen, Managing Director of Metax Engineering said ***"I am very pleased to reach this important milestone in our acquisition process. We can now look forward to new exciting developments with our new partner on board."***

The Rationale

Commenting on the key long term benefits from this acquisition, Mr Tan Tze Wen said ***"We have been building a stable base of projects around our core water treatment and hydro-engineering capabilities. But it is also important to look beyond our traditional business segment to accelerate our growth. We believe that this acquisition will be the first step towards that objective."***

The acquisition is expected to benefit Metax Engineering on two fronts. Firstly, Metax Engineering will stand to benefit financially from having a profitable biofuel and palm oil engineering firm to boost its bottom line. Secondly, the Group will be able to gain access to additional business opportunities by taking on the engineering, procurement and construction of integral facilities such as power generation, steam generation, water and waste water treatment plants as well as oil tank farm facilities.

WS Bio Bioengineering Pte Ltd and Oiltek Sdn Bhd

WS Bio is a Singapore-incorporated company whose principal business is in the engineering and construction of palm refining facilities, nutrient extraction facilities and biofuel refining facilities. WS Bio also owns a majority controlling stake in Oiltek.

Oiltek, which has over 25 years of experience, has been serving the edible oil processing industry throughout Asia, Africa and Central America. The firm engineers, procures and constructs facilities meant to extract oil and nutrients from fruits of plants such as oil palm. Specifically, Oiltek provides a full range of customised solutions, which include complete edible oil refining plants, improvement to production system in existing refining operations as well as individual components of refining plants, like heat exchangers, heating system, tower packing and so on.

Currently, plants designed by Oiltek are in operation in more than a dozen countries throughout Asia (in countries such as Malaysia, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Phillipines, Bangladesh and Vietnam), Africa (in countries such as Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt, Tanzania and Zaire) and Central America (in countries such as Costa Rica and Honduras).

- End -

About Metax Engineering Corporation Limited

Metax Engineering is an environmental engineering company that focuses on providing engineering, procurement and construction (“EPC”) services for water and wastewater treatment and hydro-engineering projects.

Incorporated in Singapore in 1975, the Metax Engineering has a 32 year history in providing EPC services for water and wastewater treatment projects and hydro-engineering projects over the decades. It started expanding into the Asia Pacific region in 1985.

Today, Metax Engineering’s principal market is in Asia and it has completed both public and private sector projects in Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines and India. Its clientele includes government institutions and private corporations in Singapore such as Public Utilities Board and Sembcorp Engineers & Constructors Pte Ltd. Regionally, Metax Engineering’s projects are funded by World Bank, Asian Development Bank and other international financial institutions.

Metax Engineering has achieved ISO 9001:2000 for its quality management system. It has also been awarded L6 grading by the Building and Construction Authority of Singapore, which enables it to tender for tender of public engineering projects of unlimited value.

The Group recently completed delivery of all 7 pumps for the Marina Barrage project in Singapore. Metax Engineering was listed on the Singapore Exchange of Singapore Dealing and Automated Quotation System on 27 February 2006. For the financial year ended 30 June 2007, Metax reported group revenue of S\$24.9 million and net profit after tax of S\$1.3 million.

For more information, please visit Metax Engineering’s website <http://www.metax.com>

Issued on behalf of Metax Engineering Corporation Limited by Cogent Communications Pte Ltd

Tel: (65) 6323-1060, Fax: (65) 6222-1210

Ms Liew Shi Wei, shiwei@cogentcomms.com (DID: + 65 6323 1193; Mobile: + 65 93655169)

Mr Roger Poh, roger@cogentcomms.com (DID: + 65 6323 3178; Mobile: + 65 94552690)