



## **South32 becomes a member of the Sustainable Shipping Initiative**

*Global mining and metals company South32 joins the maritime coalition to support the development of a more sustainable industry*

**SINGAPORE, 23 October 2019** – Today the Sustainable Shipping Initiative (SSI) announces that the metals and mining company South32 becomes its newest member.

South32 joins a diverse SSI membership with representatives spanning the entire shipping value chain including ABN Amro, AkzoNobel, Bunge, the China Navigation Company, IMC Shipping, Lloyd's Register, Louis Dreyfus Company, Maersk, Oldendorff Carriers, Priya Blue, Rightship, Standard Chartered Bank and Wartsila, who are working together with sustainability non-profit Forum for the Future and WWF to create a more sustainable maritime industry.

South32 is a globally diversified mining and metals company producing bauxite, alumina, aluminium, energy and metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc at operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America.

The company will participate in SSI's working groups on issues such as human rights, including decent and safe work for seafarers. South32 also regularly engages in global maritime discussions through the International Maritime Organization with the aim of improving safety in the carriage of cargoes and containers.

South32 Chief Commercial Officer, Peter Finnimore, said: "We are pleased to join the Sustainable Shipping Initiative, as it strongly aligns to our goal of creating value through environmental and social leadership. We look forward to working with the distinguished members of the SSI to explore further ways to improve the social and environmental impact of the shipping industry."

SSI Executive Director Andrew Stephens said: "We're very pleased to welcome South32 to the SSI family. Having the perspective of a mining and metals company provides a valuable complement to the current diverse SSI membership. South32 will bring critical insights into the sustainability challenges facing stakeholders across the mining and global commodity communities."

The SSI biannual members meeting is taking place this week in Singapore, hosted by Standard Chartered Bank. The meeting will see SSI members reviewing their collective progress on decarbonisation and ship recycling; as well as discussing sustainable shipping finance; sustainability developments at the Marine and Port Authority of Singapore; social sustainability; and changing the shipping industry narrative.

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### **About the Sustainable Shipping Initiative**

The SSI is a multi-stakeholder initiative that brings together like-minded and ambitious leaders spanning the entire shipping value chain to contribute to – and thrive in – a more sustainable maritime industry. SSI members are shipowners and charterers; marine equipment, shipyards and service providers; banks, ship finance and insurance providers; classification societies; and sustainability non-governmental organisations. The SSI seeks to achieve its Vision for 2040 by changing the narrative to a socially and environmentally responsible, resilient and profitable industry in which sustainability equals success. The SSI Roadmap serves as a practical tool to understand and respond to sustainability challenges, setting out the steps and milestones throughout our collective journey to achieving our Vision.

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### **About South32**

South32 is a globally diversified mining and metals company. We produce bauxite, alumina, aluminium, energy and metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc at our operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. We are also the owner of a high-grade zinc, lead and silver development option in North America and have several partnerships with junior explorers with a focus on base metals. Our purpose is to make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people's lives now and for generations to come, and to be trusted by our owners and partners to realise the potential of their resources.

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