

MEDIA RELEASE

WAREES INVESTMENTS COMMITTED IN ENSURING WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH (WSH) CULTURE INTEGRAL IN MOSQUES BUILDING PROJECTS

Muis Chief Executive witnessed good safety practices during visit to Al-Islah Mosque construction site – in line with Public Sector Commitment for better workplace safety and health (WSH) standards in building and infrastructure projects.

Singapore, 20 August 2014: Majlis Ugama Islam Singapore (Muis) Chief Executive, Mr Abdul Razak Maricar, yesterday visited the construction site of the future Al-Islah Mosque in Punggol New Town to witness safety practices implemented in mosque building projects overseen by the statutory board's owner representative, Warees Investments. The Al-Islah Mosque is currently charting good progress and on track to be ready before Ramadan next year. Currently, it is the only new mosque being built, not including various existing mosques now undergoing Mosque Upgrading Programme (MUP). Two more new mosques, Maarof Mosque in Jurong West and Yusof Ishak Mosque in Woodlands, will begin construction by end of this year and early next year respectively.

2 During the visit, Mr Abdul Razak met with workers on site and noted the good safety practices established by the contractors. He acknowledged that the practices have led to good progress in construction, which began in August 2013.

Ensuring Competent Contractors

3 As part of ensuring good safety practices, Warees Investments engages contractors who participate in bizSAFE¹ for all its projects, including mosque building and endowment property redevelopment.

4 “We have been appointing capable contractors to ensure good quality of work. All our mosques are built using public monies through donations from the community. Every dollar counts and our record shows that we have managed to stretch every dollar to provide prayer space and at the same time meet national standards, without compromising on safety”, said Mr Zaini Osman, CEO of Warees Investment who was also present for the site visit.

¹ bizSAFE is a 5-step programme tailored to assist companies build up their workplace safety and health capabilities

Progressive WSH Culture

5 In line with the Public Sector Commitment to ensure better WSH standards in building and infrastructure projects, Warees Investments as owner representative for Muis will continue its commitment to adopt good safety practices as its top priority in all its building projects.

6 Muis and Warees Investments place great emphasis on WSH, for example making WSH as an agenda during meetings and including past WSH performance of contractors as part of procurement during planning stages.

7 Moving forward Muis and Warees Investments will continue to stress on the implementation of good safety practices and at the same time strengthen WSH culture within the group.

Photos of CE's visit to Al-Islah Mosque can be found in the Appendix.

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APPENDIX



Site workers interacting with Chief Executive of Muis, Hj Abdul Razak Maricar accompanied by CEO of Warees Investment, Mr Zaini Osman.