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FACTSHEET

LAUNCH OF THE UPGRADING OF MASJID AL-HUDA

A BENEFICIARY OF WAKAF AL-HUDA

Sole Beneficiary to Gain First

Masjid Al-Huda sits on a prime *wakaf* land in District 10 conveyed in 1905. In 2012, as part of second project under the **Wakaf Revitalisation Scheme (WRS)**, Warees undertook a study of the site potential with the aim of unlocking and enhancing the value of the two half brick and half wooden houses which sit as part of the *wakaf* of the mosque. There is potential to redevelop them to generate a sustainable stream of annual income for the mosque. The joint development proposal with Wakaf Al-Huda aims to refurbish the mosque (as sole beneficiary) in Phase I and the cluster residential development within the *wakaf* in Phase II.

2 A proposed launch of Phase I is being planned on Friday, 30 May 2014. All costs of upgrading the mosque will be advanced by Warees and in which it will seek reimbursement from the proceeds of the residential project as part of the joint agreement. At the proposed launch, along with presentation panels, a scaled architectural model of the mosque will also be unveiled to offer good visual impression of the project.

3 Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs, Dr Yaacob Ibrahim, will officiate a ceremony to mark the launch of Phase I. He will be joined by the Chief Executive of Muis, Haji Abdul Razak Maricar, Chairman of Warees Board of Directors, Mr Haider M Sithawalla and Sohibus Samaha Mufti of Singapore, Dr Mohd Fatris Bakaram.

4 The enhancement to Masjid Al-Huda through WRS will add to the number of mosques in the Mosque Upgrading Programme (MUP).

Unlocking Value for Mosque, Revitalizing Heritage Quality

5 Masjid Al-Huda will not be required to carry out any major fundraising campaign for the purposes of upgrading the mosque as Warees would act as a catalyst to advance the cost from the anticipated nett proceeds of the development of the residential units in Phase II. This would also ensure that the **community is able to benefit from the mosque upgrade without having to wait for construction and sales of Phase II** which is projected to be completed in 2016.

6 M/s Aamer Architects¹, through the proper procurement exercise has been appointed for both phases of the development. They have the track record to articulate modern heritage and housing architecture and in the process bring out the best in the development to ensure that it would relate it to the heritage of the mosque and the former Kampong Tempeh.

7 The enhancement of the mosque is intended to upgrade the quality of the spaces for worshippers by improving the solace and tranquillity of the mosque. In addition, it also aims to provide better vehicular and human circulation within the mosque, erecting new spaces for women's prayer area and its other ancillary facilities. A communal multi-purpose area and gallery will also be incorporated to enhance the mosque's outreach to the community (refer to Appendix A for Phase I scope of works and Appendix B for artist's impression of refurbished Phase I development).

8 Upon completion, the mosque will have an additional GFA of approximately 243.02 square meters and would create additional prayer space of another 150 congregants (from 200 to 350).

Mosque Continues to Operate

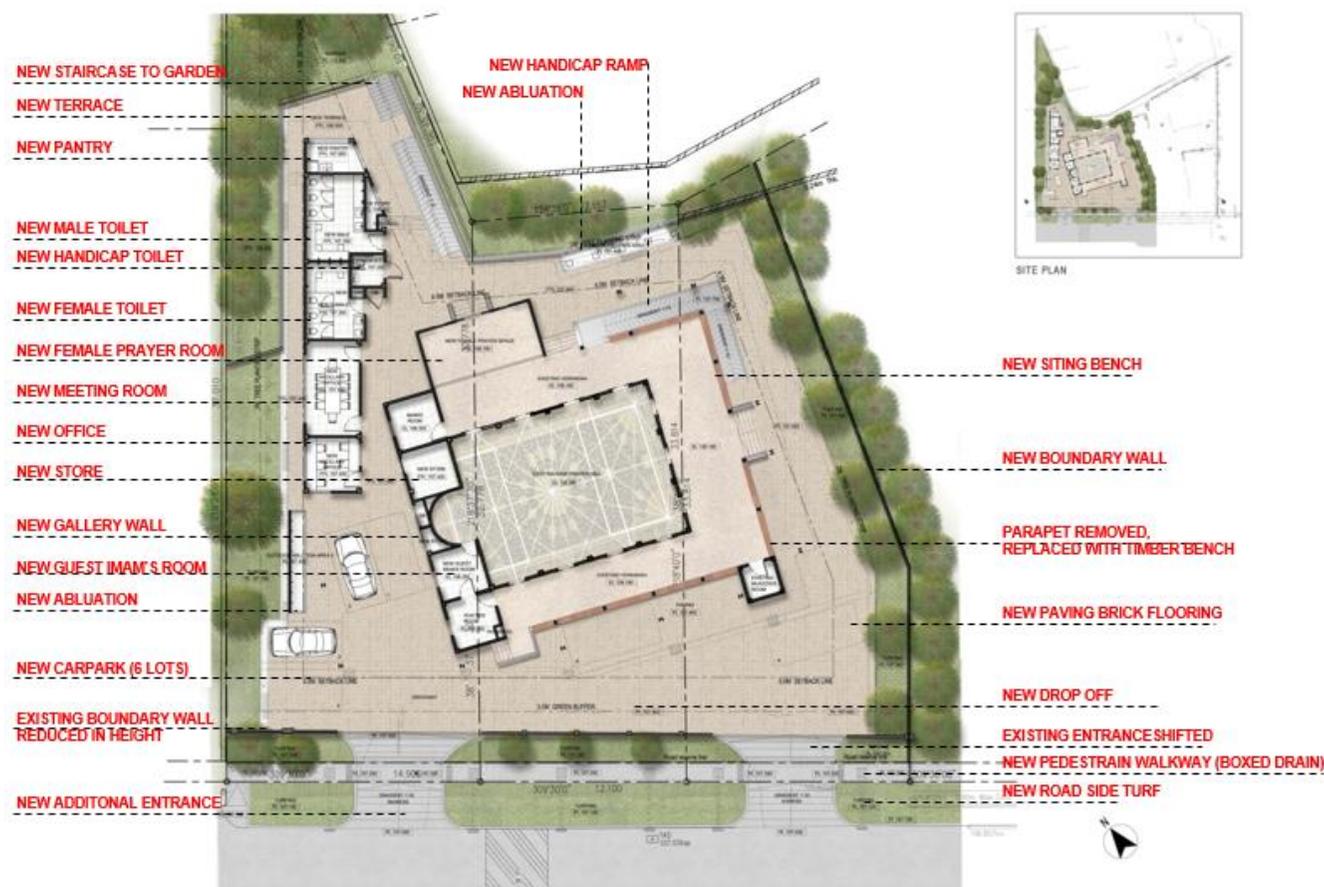
9 In Q4 2013, a tender exercise was conducted and the project was awarded to M/s Workshop I.D. Pte Ltd at a construction cost of \$1.1m for the mosque upgrading component only.

10 The addition and alteration works is to commence on 30 May 2014 on a 7-month² construction period due to complete by end of 2014. The mosque **will continue to operate** for prayers and safety of Jemaah will be taken care during the upgrading works.

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¹ Aamer Taher has been conferred with Singapore Institute of Architects – Architectural Design Awards, Residential Category in 2004, 2011 for 2 notable projects at Merryn Road and 97 Siglap Road)

² Phase II is targeted to commence in Q4 2014 subsequently slightly before the mosque is due to complete.



Improvements to be made (A boutique mosque in District 10)

	Old	New
Quality Areas		
Physical Frontage	Boundary walls & landscape currently blocking view	Open concept with boundary walls brought down
Mosque Access	One entrance	Additional entrance to improve pedestrian & vehicular situation (barrier-free)
Female Prayer Area	Temporary area cordoned off by curtains	Proper ladies prayer area
Veranda Space	Bare space	More communal area with addition of parapet sitting
Accessibility	Not elderly friendly	Addition of ramps, handicapped toilet (barrier-free designs)
Community & Heritage	Unutilized open area	New communal area & mosque gallery showcasing mosque & community heritage
Ancillary Facilities	Lack of proper facilities, temporary structures	New improved Mosque office, meeting rooms, washrooms, ablution areas
Quantity: Space / Gross Floor Area (GFA) Breakdown (Square Metres)		
Prayer Space	408.17 (200 congregant spaces)	525.68 (350 congregant spaces)
Admin	282.66	315.49
Ablution / Toilets	13.18	30.52
Barrier Free Facilities	53.83	53.20
Handicap	Nil	1 Handicap Ramp
Classroom	Nil	1 Handicap Toilet

Wakaf Masjid Al-Huda at Jalan Haji Alias
Artist Impressions

BEFORE



AFTER



