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**AFFIN GROUP RENEWS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT KLANG RIVER REJUVENATION,  
MUFG BANK (MALAYSIA) BERHAD JOINS AS NEW PARTNER IN  
INTERCEPTOR 002™ INITIATIVE**

*Malaysia's financial sector deepens ESG-driven collaboration with  
Landasan Lumayan Sdn Bhd and The Ocean Cleanup to accelerate river rejuvenation efforts*

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**KUALA LUMPUR – AFFIN Group (“AFFIN” or “the Group”)** today renewed its commitment to the Klang River Rejuvenation Initiative through continued sponsorship of Interceptor 002™, a river-based waste interception system led globally by The Ocean Cleanup and operated locally by Landasan Lumayan Sdn Bhd (“LLSB”), a subsidiary of Menteri Besar Selangor (Incorporated).

In a move that underscores the growing role of Malaysia's financial sector in advancing environmental sustainability, **MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (“MUFG”)** has joined the initiative as a new corporate partner. The collaboration represents a significant step forward in public-private efforts to curb riverine waste and rejuvenate one of Malaysia's most iconic and historically significant waterways.

The official launch of the partnership between AFFIN, MUFG, and LLSB, held at Taman Awam Pangkalan Batu, Klang, was officiated by **Duli Yang Maha Mulia Tengku Permaisuri Hajah Norashikin, Tengku Permaisuri of Selangor**.

AFFIN became the first Bank in Malaysia to support the operations and maintenance of Interceptor 002™ in 2024. With this renewal, the Group extends its support through April 2028, reinforcing its long-term commitment to ESG under its **Responsible Banking With Impact** agenda. This initiative also complements the broader collaboration formalised between AFFIN and MUFG on 19 March 2025, aimed at fostering cross-border business cooperation in key sectors aligned with the industrial masterplans of Japan and Malaysia. Together, both institutions are advancing sustainable development while creating new opportunities for economic growth and ESG-led progress.

**Datuk Wan Razly Abdullah, President & Group Chief Executive Officer of AFFIN Group**, said, “This river is more than just a waterway. It is an environmental lifeline and economic artery for the communities that depend on it. We are proud to lead this initiative once again, and we welcome MUFG as a strategic partner who brings fresh perspectives and a shared commitment to sustainable impact.”



“We believe that lasting change begins with awareness, and awareness is built through education, engagement, and responsible action. At AFFIN, whatever we touch, we aim to leave it better than when we found it. As we celebrate AFFIN’s 50th Golden Jubilee this year, the Klang River Rejuvenation Initiative stands as a compelling testament to our values in action, and complements our recent ESG achievements, including an **AA rating by MSCI (Morgan Stanley Capital International)** and being named **‘Bank of the Year – ESG Champion’** at the 10th Sustainability & CSR Malaysia Awards 2025,” he added.

**Mr. Motohide Okuda, Chief Executive Officer and Country Head of Malaysia of MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad**, said, “At MUFG, a leading financial institution with a strong focus on the APAC region, we are deeply committed to building a sustainable future. River rehabilitation and clean-up efforts are more than just environmental initiatives; they are powerful symbols of MUFG dedication to preserving natural resources and empowering future generations. We believe that every action we take today shapes the world our children will inherit. This initiative is a testament to our unwavering commitment to sustainability and community empowerment. We are proud to be part of this effort with AFFIN and LLSB. Together, we are not just cleaning a river; we are building a brighter, more resilient future for all.”

**Encik Syaiful Azmen Nordin, Managing Director of Landasan Lumayan Sdn Bhd** said, “We extend our sincere appreciation to AFFIN Group for renewing their commitment and formally welcome MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad as a new partner in this meaningful journey. Their support reflects a growing recognition that the rejuvenation of Klang River requires not only government leadership but strong public-private collaboration. Through LLSB’s Corporate Empowerment initiative, we are bridging sectors to deliver impactful, inclusive solutions for the river and its communities. This partnership brings renewed hope for a more resilient and sustainable future for the Klang River, where economic progress and environmental stewardship go hand in hand.

As the master developer of the Selangor Maritime Gateway (SMG) project, LLSB continues to drive tangible outcomes through its river rejuvenation and waste management efforts. Key milestones include:

- More than 95,000 metric tonnes of solid waste (equivalent to about 5,500 fully loaded Rapid KL buses) removed from 2016 until now.
- 82% reduction of waste in 2024 where only 2,986 MT of waste removed from the Klang River as compared to 16,407 MT in 2016.
- Improvement in the Water Quality Index from Class V to Class III where 69% number of days in year 2023 recorded water quality at Class 3 and above.



- River ecosystem restoration i.e. brings life back to the river which has seen the return of otters, crocodiles, migratory birds, nesting eagles, and various fish species.

These efforts reflect the broader impact of the SMG project in restoring the river's ecological balance while catalysing sustainable urban and economic development along its corridor.

Also present at the event were His Excellency Noriyuki Shikata, Ambassador of Japan to Malaysia; YB Dato' Hajjah Hanifah Hajar Taib, Deputy Minister of Economy; YB Dato' Ir. Izham bin Hashim, EXCO for Infrastructure and Agriculture, Selangor State Government; YBhg. Dato' Haji Abd. Hamid bin Hussain, City Mayor of the Royal Klang City Council; YBhg. Dato' Agil Natt, Chairman of Affin Bank Berhad; YBhg. Datuk Wan Razly Abdullah, President & Group Chief Executive Officer of AFFIN Group; YBhg. Dato' Noorazman Abdul Aziz, Chairman of MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad; Mr. Motohide Okuda, Chief Executive Officer and Country Head of MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad; Encik Syaiful Azmen Nordin, Managing Director of Landasan Lumayan Sdn Bhd.; YBrs. Mr. Marco Piët, Rivers Director, The Ocean Cleanup; YBhg. Dato' Sri Siti Nurhaliza, AFFIN Brand Ambassador; and Mr. Martin Ehlers, Multi-Property General Manager, Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel & Convention Centre & Four Points by Sheraton Kuala Lumpur, City Centre.

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#### **About AFFIN Group**

Incorporated on 23 October 1975, AFFIN Group proudly commemorates its 50th anniversary in 2025, a milestone that reflects five decades of steadfast dedication to growth, innovation, and financial excellence, all in line with its vision to be the Most Creative and Innovative Financial Company in Malaysia. Affin Bank Berhad operates as the financial holding entity of Affin Islamic Bank Berhad, Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad and Affin Moneybrokers Sdn Bhd. Generali Insurance Malaysia Berhad and Generali Life Insurance Malaysia Berhad are affiliated companies of Affin Bank Berhad.

AFFIN Group provides an array of financial products and services catering to individual, enterprise, commercial, and corporate clients. The focus market segments are categorised under essential business units such as Community Banking, Enterprise Banking, Corporate Banking, Treasury, and Investment Banking. For more information, please visit <https://www.affingroup.com>.

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### **About MUFG**

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (MUFG) is one of the world's leading financial groups. Headquartered in Tokyo and with over 360 years of history, MUFG has a global network with approximately 2,000 locations in more than 40 markets. The Group has about 140,000 employees and offers services including commercial banking, trust banking, securities, credit cards, consumer finance, asset management, and leasing.

The Group aims to "be the world's most trusted financial group" through close collaboration among our operating companies and flexibly respond to all of the financial needs of our customers, serving society, and fostering shared and sustainable growth for a better world. MUFG's shares trade on the Tokyo, Nagoya, and New York stock exchanges.

MUFG Bank, Ltd. is Japan's premier bank, with a global network spanning more than 40 markets. Outside of Japan, the bank offers an extensive scope of commercial and investment banking products and services to businesses, governments and individuals worldwide.

In Asia Pacific, MUFG has a presence across 18 markets – Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, India, South Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. It has also formed strategic partnerships with some of the most prominent banks in South-east Asia, further augmenting its unrivalled network across the region – VietinBank in Vietnam, Krungsri in Thailand, Security Bank in the Philippines and Bank Danamon in Indonesia.

### **About MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad**

MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (MUFG) is a subsidiary of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group. MUFG's presence in Malaysia dates back to 1957 and has since established long-term client relationships comprising local, global, and Japanese corporates. The bank has branches in Kuala Lumpur and Labuan.

In 2008, MUFG established an Islamic banking arm, the first Japanese bank to do so in Malaysia, and has contributed to industry milestones such as the launch of the world's first Yen-denominated Sukuk. Through its twin hub located out of the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), and in tandem with consolidated group subsidiary PT Bank Danamon Indonesia's Islamic banking entity, MUFG currently provides a comprehensive suite of Shariah-compliant banking products and advisory services in Asia Pacific and globally.

MUFG is also a firm supporter of Malaysia's renewable energy hub aspirations and pivot towards critical industry sectors, having hosted public engagement sessions such as the flagship MUFG NOW (Net Zero World) regional thought leadership event and a MUFG semiconductor conference in Sarawak and Penang respectively. MUFG Malaysia was twice awarded Best Sustainable Bank (International) by FinanceAsia in 2023 and 2024.

### **About Landasan Lumayan Sdn Bhd**

The Master Developer of Selangor Maritime Gateway

Landasan Lumayan Sdn Bhd (LLSB) has been appointed by the Selangor State Government as the main driver of the Selangor Maritime Gateway (SMG) project, aimed at carrying out cleaning, development, and conservation activities for the Klang River. This project is part of an integrated effort to transform the Klang River into a new economic development zone in Selangor, focussing on sustainable development namely eco-tourism, residential, and service industries.