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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CENTRE FOR LIVEABLE CITIES AND RAMBOLL LAUNCH AN URBAN LAB TO PUT REGENERATIVE PRINCIPLES AT THE HEART OF CITY PLANNING**

9 December 2023 – Singapore’s Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC), and global architecture, engineering, and consultancy company Ramboll, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in knowledge exchange.

2 The MoU was formally sealed by Hugh Lim, Managing Director, CLC Ltd, and Søren Brøndum, Managing Director for Buildings, Ramboll, on behalf of Jens-Peter Saul, Group CEO, Ramboll, at the COP28 Singapore Pavilion, in Dubai, on 9 December 2023.

#### **Objectives of the MoU**

3 This MoU builds on the ongoing interactions between CLC and Ramboll and seeks to promote further knowledge exchange through co-organising programmes and leveraging each other’s expert networks from Singapore, Denmark, and around the world.

4 Under this MoU, CLC and Ramboll will launch Urban Lab, an innovative knowledge generation process with a focus on regenerative urban development approaches. Prior to this MOU, Ramboll has initiated Urban Labs in [Copenhagen](#) and New York, generating valuable insight in sustainable urban development in collaboration with cross-sector partners.

5 The main objective of the joint CLC-Ramboll Urban Lab is to investigate the concept of regenerative urban development, distilling core principles by drawing from Singapore as a case study. These principles will have broad relevance and applicability to other cities worldwide. This initiative is set to commence in 2024, and CLC and Ramboll will be engaging urban planners, developers, and financiers, from the public, private and academic sectors. It will focus on 3 themes: decarbonising the built environment, integrating nature-based solutions, and enhancing cities’ climate resilience.

6 “CLC and Ramboll have fostered a long-standing partnership through numerous earlier collaborations. This partnership will bring the first Urban Lab to Singapore, with a focus on sustainable principles in urban planning and development. The study on regenerative urban planning will offer a transformative approach to city development and

the built environment sector, with emphasis on sustainability, resilience, and social equity. This learning lab will serve as a platform for exploring, innovating, and implementing these principles, ensuring that our cities are not only sustainable but also foster the well-being of those who live in it. We are excited to be able to share the outcomes of the workshops at the World Cities Summit taking place in Singapore from 2 – 4 June 2024,” says Hugh Lim, Managing Director of CLC Ltd.

7 “The Urban Lab demonstrates our commitment to driving the industry forward by providing forward-looking good practice in sustainable urban development that benefits the environment and people who live and work in cities. The outcomes of the initiative will be applicable to cities around the world, providing a valuable resource for urban planning professionals seeking to adopt regenerative practices,” says Jens Peter Saul, CEO of Ramboll. “We need to reach across sectors and borders to innovate the future city, and are excited to develop this initiative in collaboration with our partners, clients and peers.”

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### **About the Centre for Liveable Cities**

Set up in 2008 by the Ministry of National Development and the then-Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, the Centre for Liveable Cities (CLC) aims to distil, create and share knowledge on liveable and sustainable cities.

The CLC’s work spans four main areas: Research, Capability Development, Knowledge Platforms, and Advisory. Through these activities, it hopes to provide urban leaders and practitioners with the knowledge and support needed to make our cities better.

For more information, please visit [www.clc.gov.sg](http://www.clc.gov.sg)

### **About Ramboll**

Ramboll is a global architecture, engineering and consultancy company founded in Denmark in 1945. Ramboll’s more than 18,000 experts create sustainable solutions across Buildings; Transport; Architecture & Landscape; Water; Environment & Health; Energy and Management Consulting. Across the world, Ramboll combines local experience with a global knowledgebase to create sustainable cities and societies. We combine insights with the power to drive positive change to our clients, in the form of ideas that can be realised and implemented. We call it: Bright ideas. Sustainable change.

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The Executive Summary of the Copenhagen Urban Lab can be found [here](#).

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