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SMF Commissions Song in Tribute to NS50 during SAF Day Combined Rededication Ceremony 2017

30 June 2017, SINGAPORE – The Singapore Manufacturing Federation (SMF) organised the Singapore Armed Forces Combined Rededication Ceremony 2017 for the East Zone this morning. **Minister for Manpower, Mr Lim Swee Say**, officiated the ceremony which was held at SIT@Dover.

Businesses role in NS

As a small nation, Singapore is economically and politically vulnerable to happenings around the world. Our strong defence has manifested in the thriving business climate we enjoy today. SMF does its part by facilitating the convergence of the public and private sector in taking the collective pledge to the nation. As a representative of the business community in the private sector, SMF also sends the message that safeguarding Singapore's peace does not fall solely on the shoulders of NSmen. It is a shared responsibility.

Said Mr Douglas Foo, SMF President, "SMF, with 85 years of history, bears witness to the tribulations of Singapore from pre-war to post-independence. Today, we enjoy confidence from our investors in Singapore's business climate and it has borne much fruit in today's business environment. We must continue uphold the peace, stability and security that Singapore now enjoys."

The bedrock of the SAF's success has been made possible with the support and commitment from families, employers, volunteers, NSmen and Regulars. The increase in the number of participating companies every year to pledge their loyalty and commitment to defend Singapore is therefore heartening.

This is the fifth consecutive year that SMF has organised the Combined Rededication Ceremony for the East zone. This year saw a record of more than 500 participants including NSmen, staff and management from more than 100 organisations.

NS50

As Singapore celebrates its 50th year of national service, SMF, in conjunction with putting together the rededication ceremony, commissioned a commemorative song to recognise the long standing contribution of NSmen to the nation.

The song, titled 'Did You Ever Wonder Why', represents every NSman's guardianship of home and family, and resonates with all Singaporean men who have been through the shared experience. It was composed by Mr Eric Watson, composer-in-residence of the Singapore Chinese Orchestra and delivered by the Singapore Pocket Opera Theatre during the ceremony.

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About Singapore Manufacturing Federation

Established since 1932, SMF represents the interests of the manufacturing community in Singapore, driving its competitiveness and sustainable growth through serving industry-specific needs. Supported by 10 industry groups and its Centres of Excellence, SMF enhances the competitiveness of the industry by encouraging capacity development and capability building, innovation and productivity.

SMF provides opportunities for companies to collaborate and expand locally and internationally. Current membership stands at about 3,000 corporate members ranging from SMEs to MNCs.

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