

Regional Workshop: Low-Carbon Technologies for MSMEs in the ASEAN

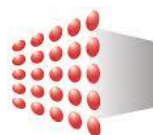
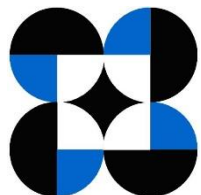
# Low-Carbon Technologies for MSMEs in Singapore

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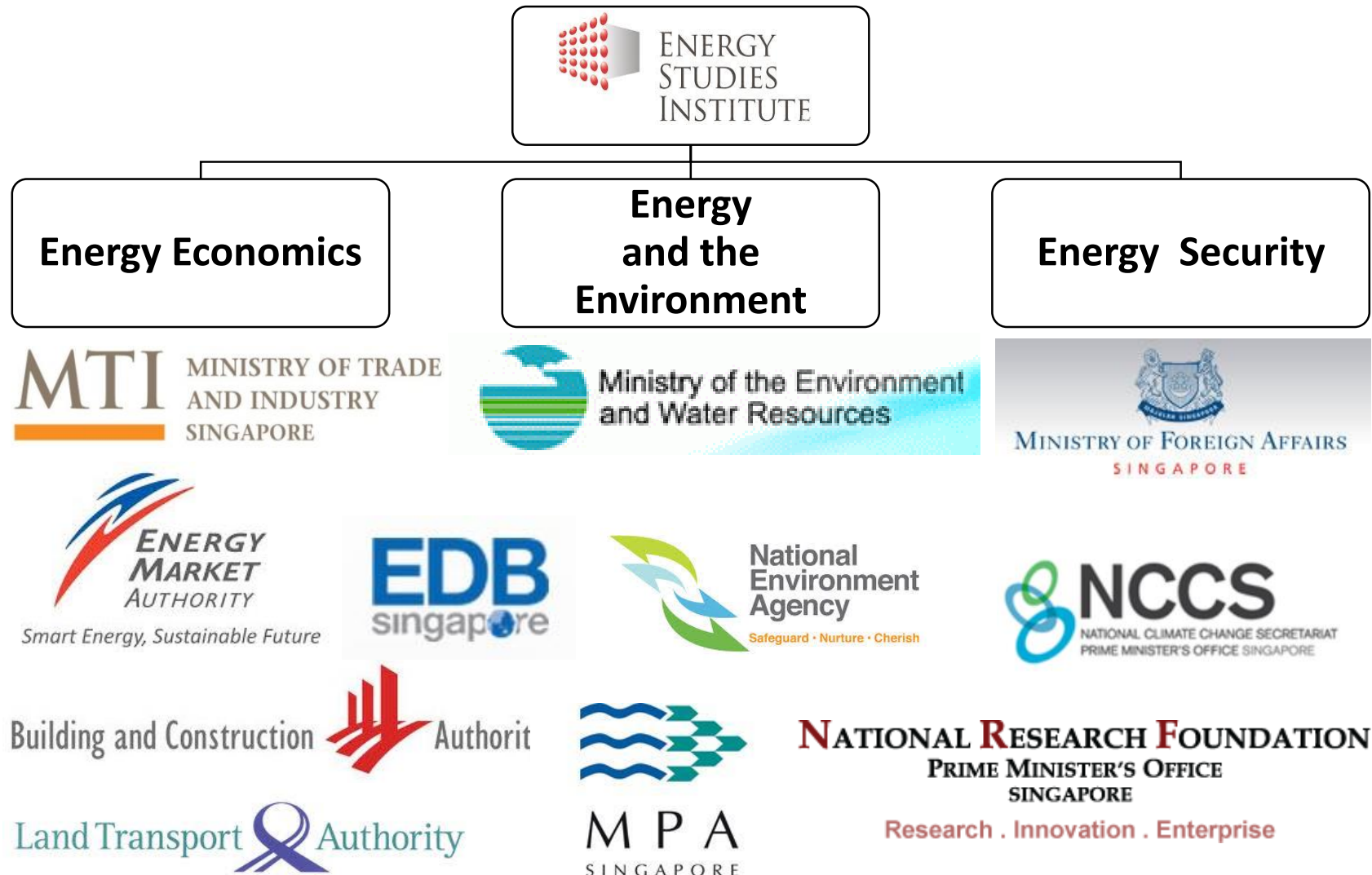
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## About Energy Studies Institute (ESI)

- Established at the National University of Singapore in November 2007
- Committed to providing independent, objective, quality and timely policy research and analysis of regional and global energy trends
- Focal point for NUS's accreditation to UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Consistently ranked among the top energy and resource policy think tanks in the Global Go To Think Tank Index Report

# Research Divisions and Stakeholders



# Introduction - Overall

- Urban city-state of just 719.9km<sup>2</sup>
- Tropical climate on equator
- Low-lying, gentle topography
- Highest point 164m
- Population: 5.64 million in June 2018
- Population density: ~7,796 persons/km<sup>2</sup>
- Nominal GDP: S\$491 billion in 2018
- Per capita GDP: S\$87,108 in 2018
- Contribution to global emissions: 46,831.68 gigagram CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent, 0.11% of global emissions (2010)
- Per capita emissions: 26<sup>th</sup> out of 142 countries based on IEA 2015 data
- Renewable disadvantage country

Structure of 2018 Economy (Nominal Value- added, % Share)	
<b>Total</b>	100.0
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>	26.1
Manufacturing	21.4
Construction	3.5
Utilities	1.2
Other goods Industries	0.0
<b>Service Producing Industries</b>	70.4
Wholesales & Retail Trade	18.0
Transportation & Storage	6.9
Accommodation & Food service	2.1
Information & Communication	4.1
Finance & Insurance	12.9
Other Service Industries	11.5
<b>Ownership of Dwellings</b>	3.4

(Source: MTI, Economic Survey of Singapore, 2019)

# Introduction

## Singapore's Paris Agreement Climate Pledge

- Reduce Emission Intensity (GHG per S\$GDP) by 36% from 2005 level by 2030 and stabilize emissions with the aim of peaking around 2030



On 22 April 2016, Minister for Foreign Affairs Vivian Balakrishnan  
**signed the Paris Agreement** at the United Nations

- Baseline at 175.7 tCO<sub>2</sub>/S\$million GDP
- Target: 114.2 tCO<sub>2</sub>/S\$million GDP

# Introduction

Singapore

## Inter-Ministerial Committee on Climate Change



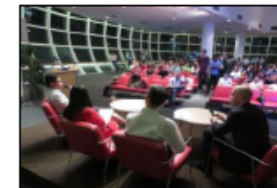
### Energy System Modelling



### Energy Efficiency Studies

- Economy-wide
- Industrial Sector

McKinsey & Company



### Public Consultation

- Online Consultation
- Stakeholder/Sectoral Consultations

### Energy Tech Roadmaps

2012

2013

2014

2015

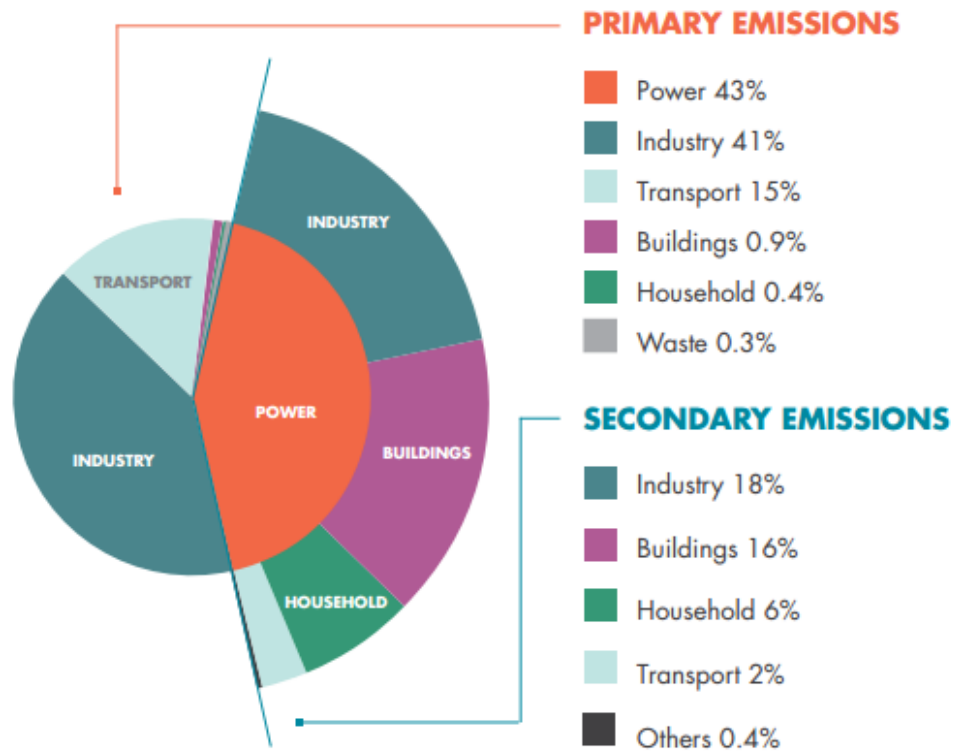
Singapore's  
INDC  
Submission

Inter-agency technical analysis under IMCCC

(Source: National Climate Change Secretariat, Singapore)

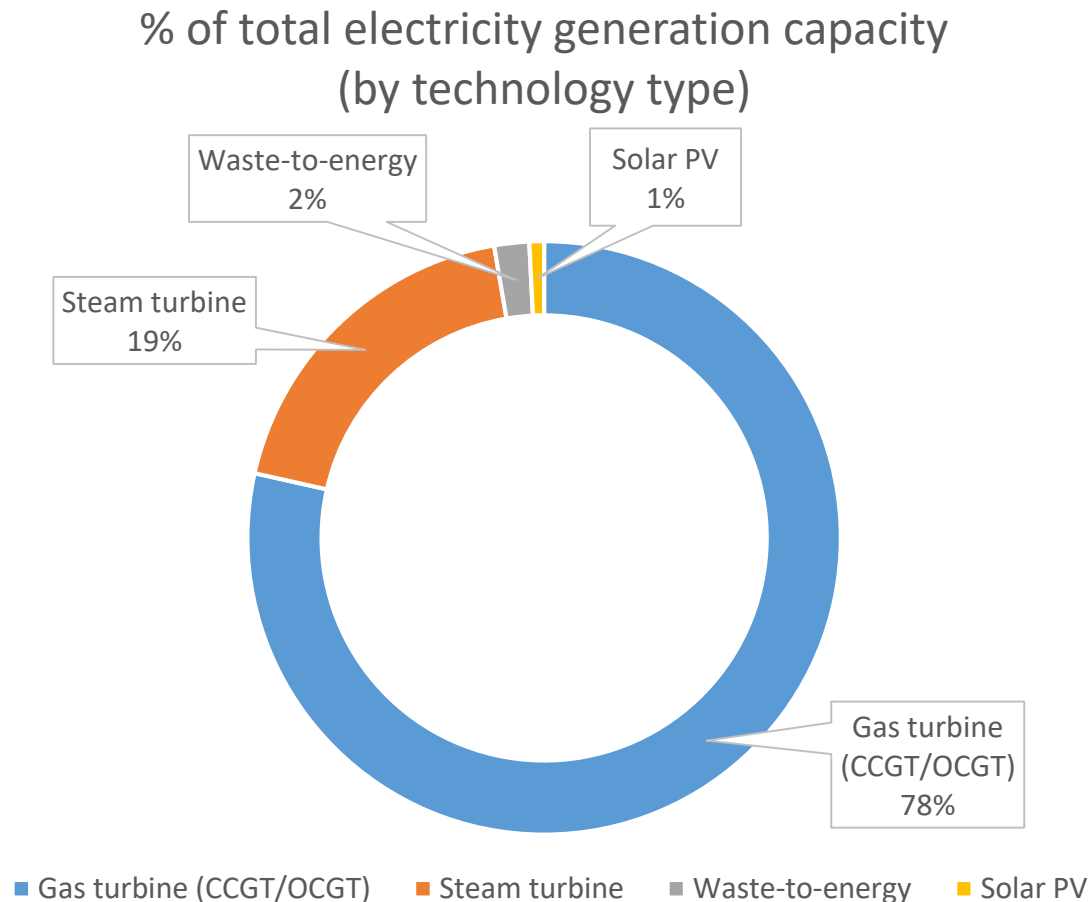
# Introduction

## Emissions by IPCC Sector (2012)



(Source: Climate Action Plan 2016, Third Biennial Update Report, 2018)

# Introduction – Power generation



(Source: EMA, Electricity Generation Capacity by Generator, 2019)



# Mitigation Measures Across All Sectors



## Buildings

- Green Mark Certification for 80% of buildings by 2030
- Improve energy efficiency of building tenants

## Households

- Mandatory Energy Labelling Scheme (MELS)
- Minimum Energy Performance Standards (MEPS)
- Smart home technologies

## Power generation

- Adopt more efficient technologies
- Increase deployment of solar PVs

## Industry

- Adopt cleaner fuels
- Reduce non-CO<sub>2</sub> GHG
- Improve energy efficiency

## Transport

- Increase public transport share to 75% by 2030
- Improve fuel efficiency of private vehicles
- Test-bed electric vehicles

## Waste and water

- Improve efficiency of desalination and used water treatment
- Increase overall recycling rate
- Reduce plastics incineration

## Carbon Tax

- Complements and enhances effectiveness of other mitigation measures

# MSME Profile

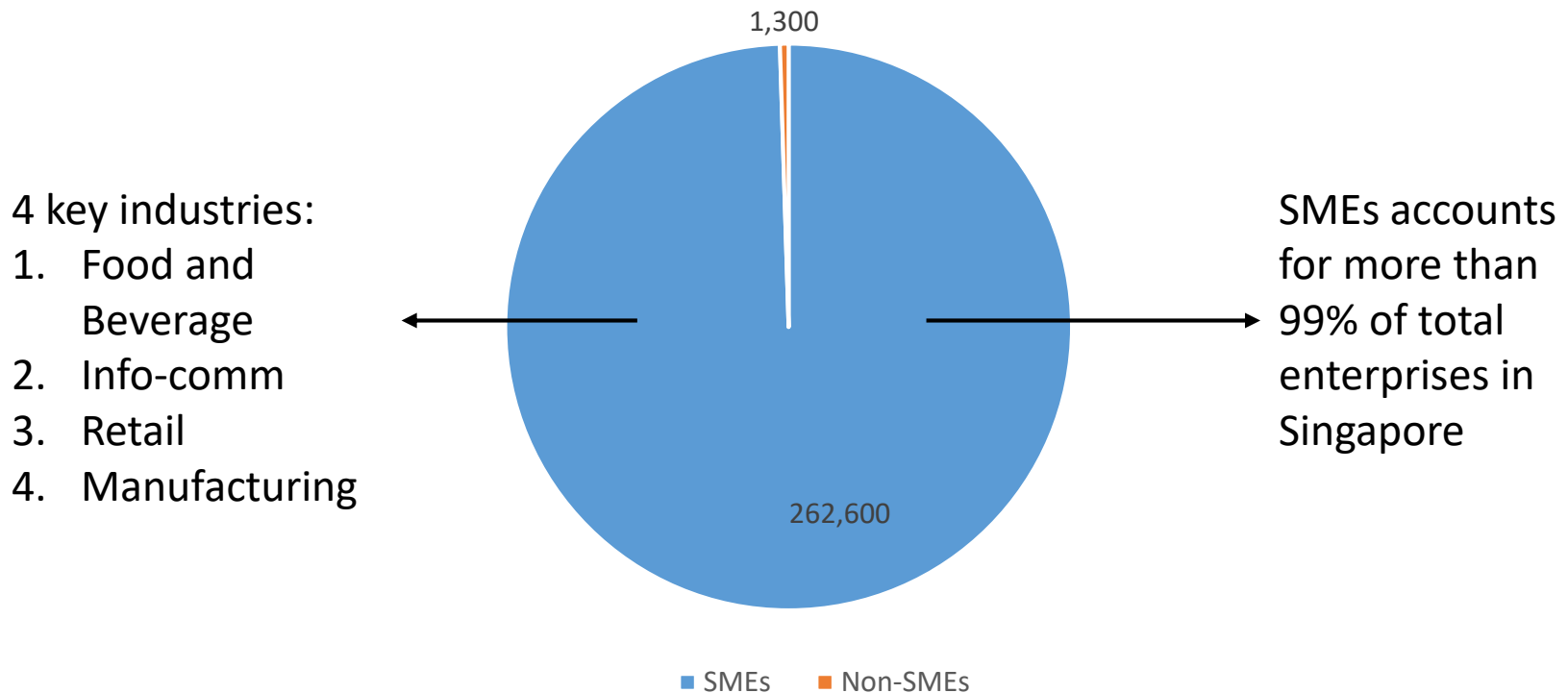
## MSME Classifications in Singapore

- Operating receipts not more than S\$100mil  
or
- Employment not more than 200 workers
- Does not further sub-divide SMEs to
  - Micro
  - Small
  - Medium

# MSME Profile

## Distribution by Number

Enterprise Count in 2018

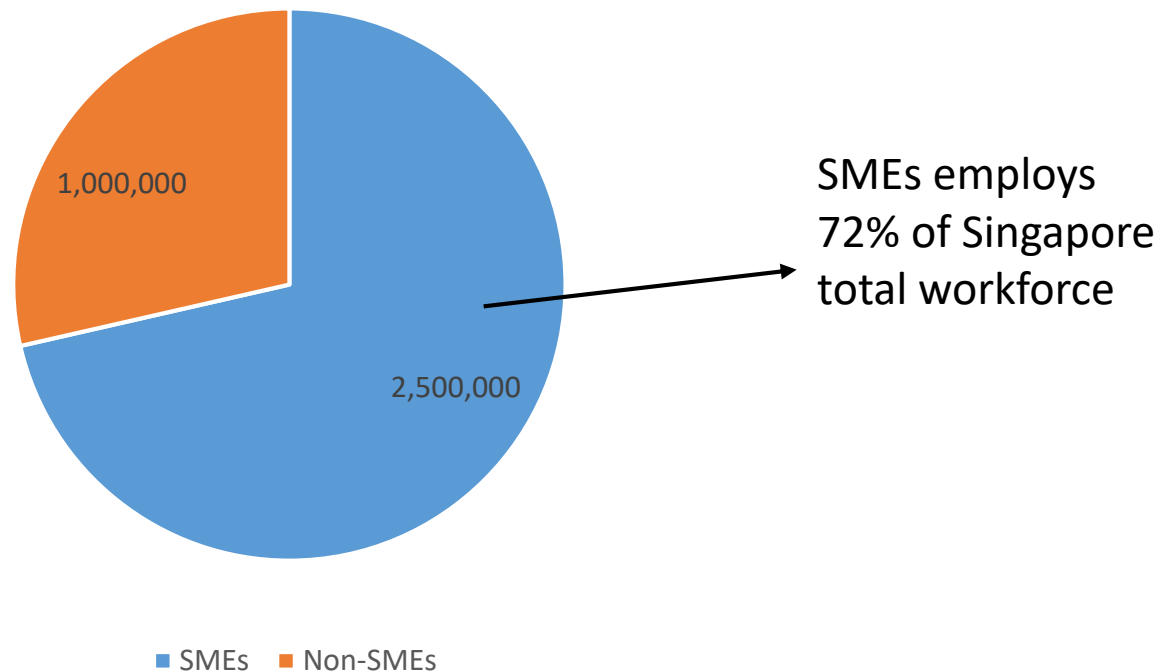


(Source: SingStat, Topline Estimates For All Enterprises And SMEs, Annual, 2019)

# MSME Profile

## Distribution by Employment

Employment in 2018

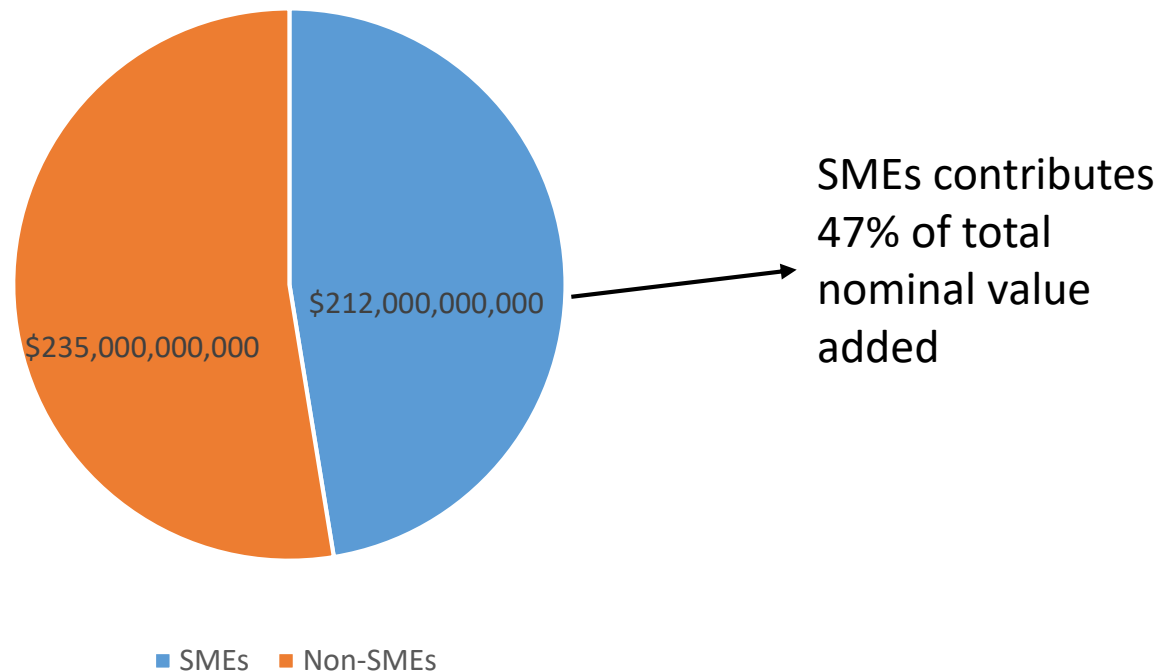


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# MSME Profile

## Distribution by Nominal Value added

Nominal Value Added in 2018



(Source: SingStat, Toplevel Estimates For All Enterprises And SMEs, Annual, 2019)

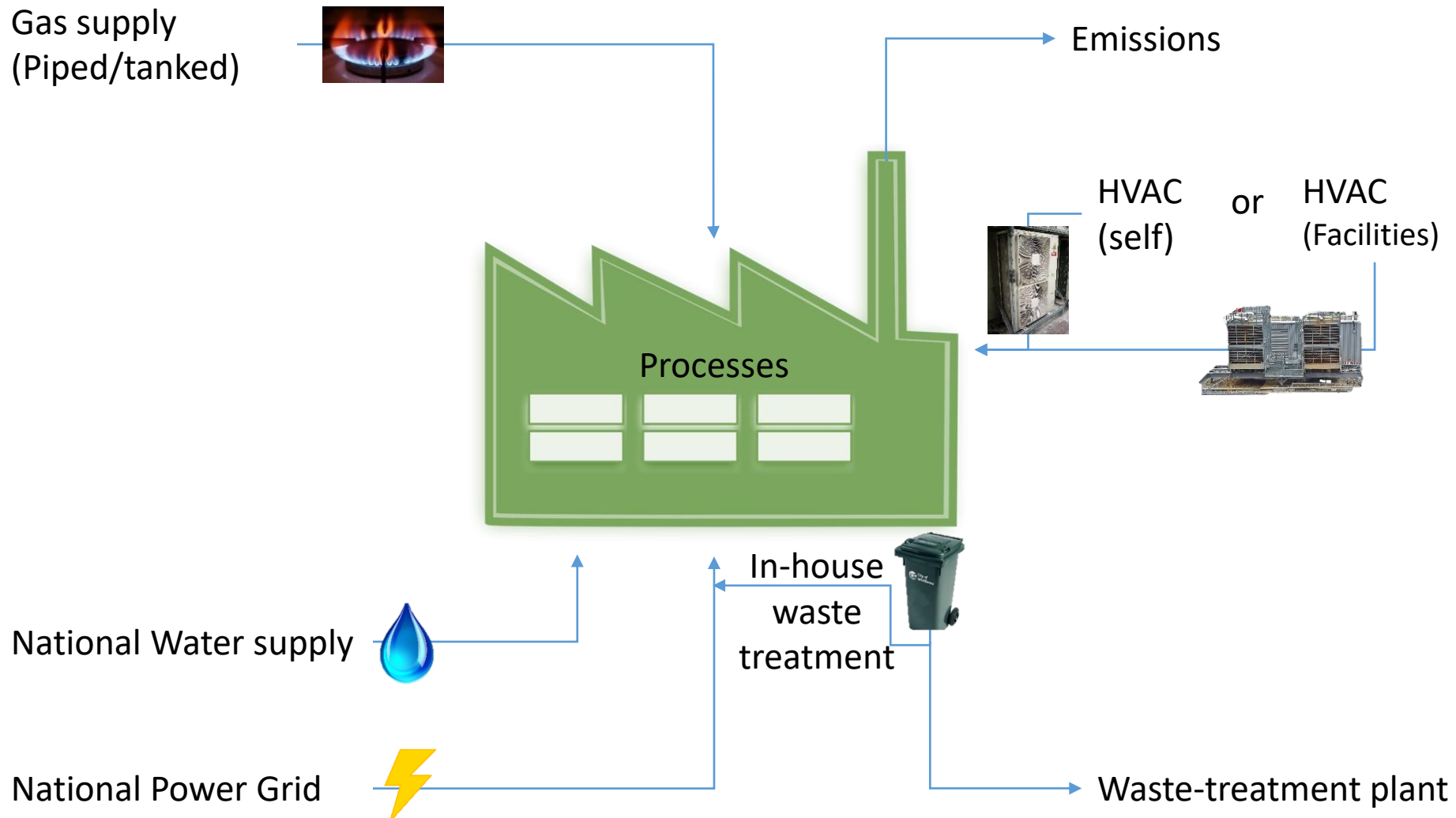
# MSME Profile - Placement

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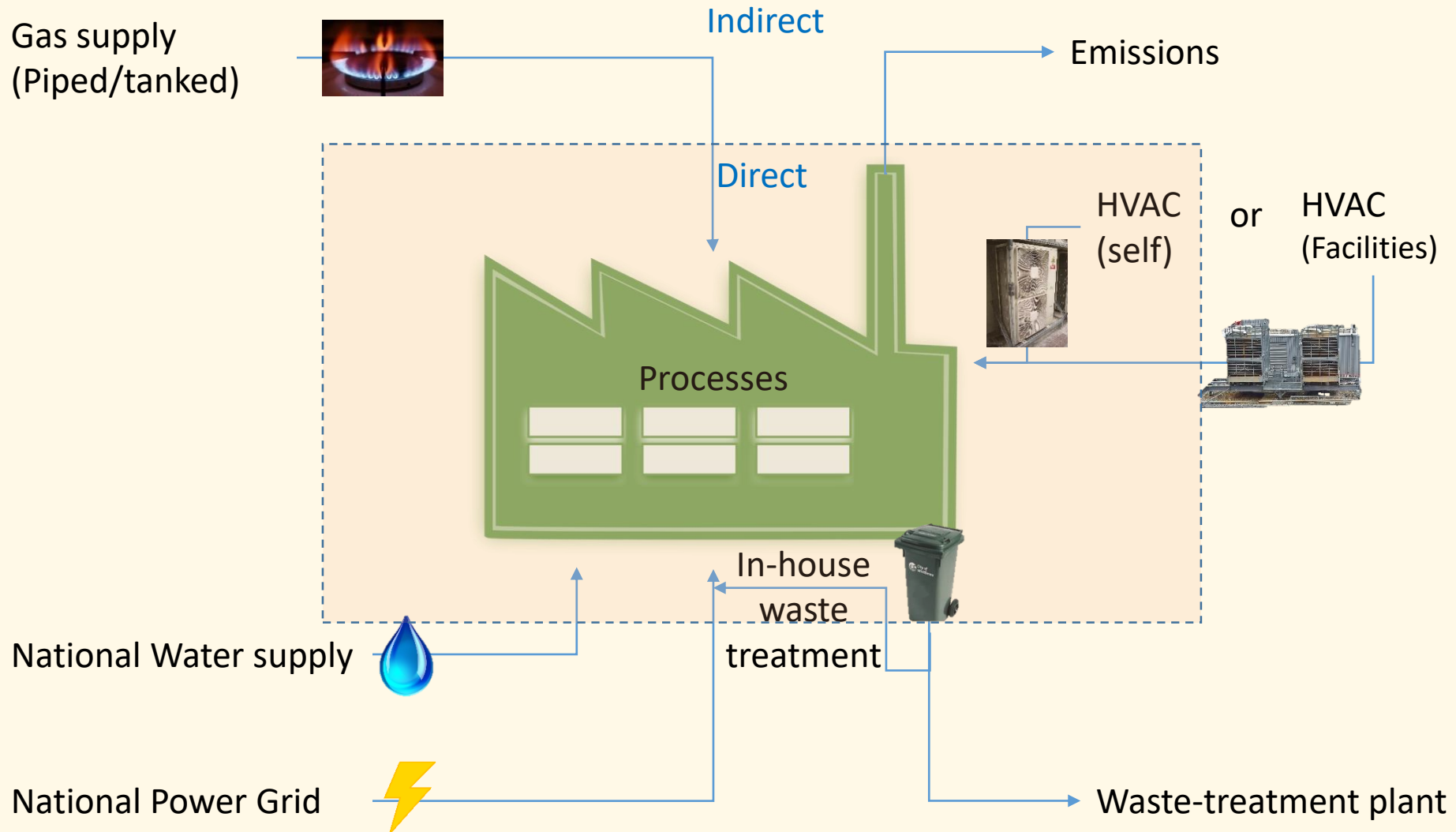
(Source: Google map, 2019)

# MSME Profile - facilities





# MSME Profile - facilities





# MSME Policies

## Latest Country Framework Plan

- Carbon Tax
- Access to Markets
- Access to Finance
- Low Carbon, Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Related Support Program for MSMEs

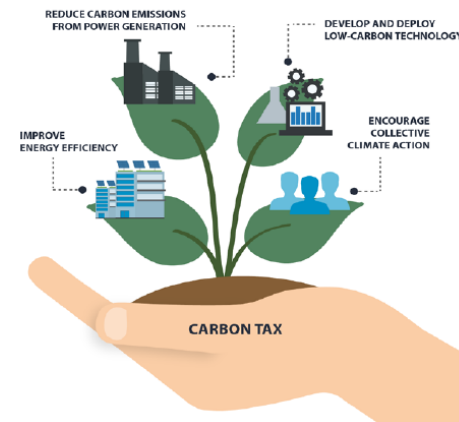
# MSME Policies

## Latest Country Framework Plan – Carbon Tax

Singapore have introduced carbon tax in 2019

- Covers six greenhouse gases
  - Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)
  - methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)
  - Nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)
  - Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)
  - Perfluorocarbons (PFCs)
  - Sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>)
- Fixed price credit-based system

### SINGAPORE'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



### HOW A CARBON TAX WORKS

#### 1 INTRODUCE A TAX ON EMISSIONS

- Carbon tax will generally be applied upstream, for example, on power stations and other large direct emitters.
- Businesses can choose to reduce emissions or pay a carbon tax.

#### 2 ENCOURAGE ENERGY EFFICIENCY & SUPPORT MORE GREEN ACTIONS

- Businesses are motivated to improve their energy efficiency.
- Consumers are encouraged to use less electricity and save energy.
- Carbon tax revenues will help to fund measures by industry to reduce emissions and provide appropriate measures to ease the transition.

#### 3 LOWER CARBON, GREENER ECONOMY

- Lower emissions lead to a greener planet.
- Businesses become more resource-efficient and sustainable.
- More opportunities in green growth sectors, such as green technology.

(Source: NCCS, How A Carbon Tax Works, 2017)

# MSME Policies

## Latest Country Framework Plan – Carbon Tax

- S\$5 per ton from Year 2019 to 2023
  - Expected revenue from tax: S\$1 Billion in 5 years
  - Intention to raise to S\$10-S\$15 by 2030
- For direct emissions
  - companies emitting  $>25,000 \text{ tCO}_{2\text{eq}}$  annually will be taxed on 100% of their emissions.
- Applied upstream - e.g. power plants
  - Increase operating costs for MSMEs  
(Introduction of carbon tax is equivalent to 6-12% increase in current oil prices)
- Revenue from the tax will help to fund measures by industries to reduce emissions

# MSME Policies

## Latest Country Framework Plan – Access to market

- MSMEs focus on 4 main sectors

- F&B
  - Info-communication
  - Retail
  - Manufacturing
- } Service



- Mainly focus on domestic market except Manufacturing
  - Expansion to overseas expand MSMEs market

# MSME Policies

Latest Country Framework Plan – Access to market

- Financial supports/incentives are available to encourage overseas expansion by:
  - Economic Development Board
  - Enterprise Singapore



# MSME Policies

## Latest Country Framework Plan – Access to market

### Market Readiness Assistance Grant (MRA)

Funds up to 70%  
overseas market set  
up,  
market promotions  
and identification  
of overseas business  
partner

### Enterprise Development Grant (EDG)

Fund up to 70% for  
consultancy fees,  
software and  
equipment as well  
as  
manpower cost

# MSME policies

## Latest Country Framework Plan – Access to finance

### BCA: Building Retrofit Energy Efficiency Financing

Up to 90% loan (capped at \$4 million) for purchasing/installation of :

- Energy efficient equipment
- Renewable energy systems

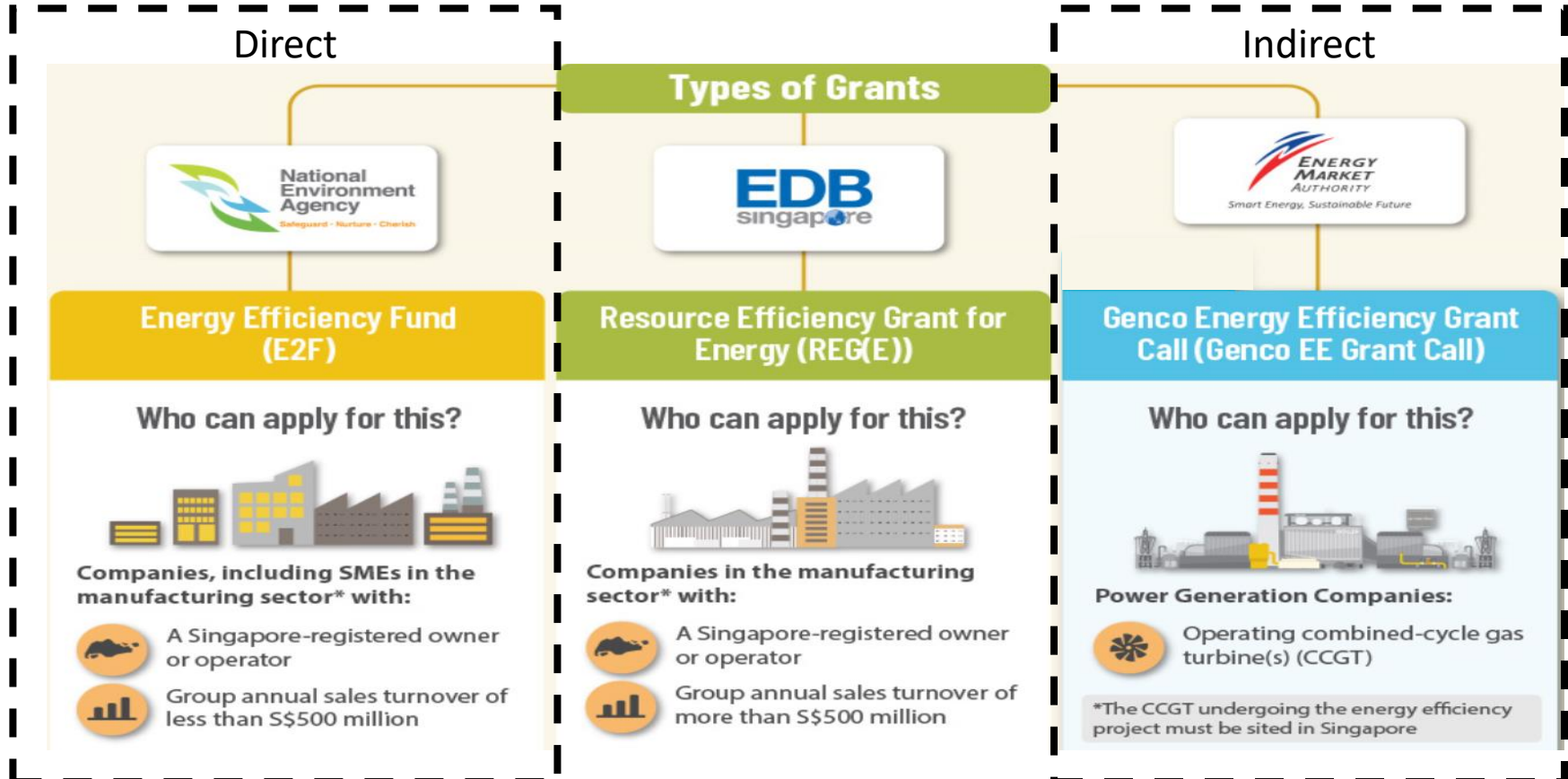
### EDB/SDCL: Energy Efficiency Financing (Pilot)

3<sup>rd</sup> party financing up to 100% of cost of EE improvement projects

Companies are not required to pay for the upfront cost, repayment through energy saving

# MSME policies

## Latest Country Framework Plan – Finance (Grants)





# MSME policies

## Latest Country Framework Plan – Finance (Grants)

### Energy Efficiency Fund

Funds up to 50% of qualifying cost, capped at S\$600,000 for:

- Resource efficient design of new facilities/major expansion
- Energy assessment of existing facilities
- Adoption of Energy efficient Equipment technologies

### GENCO Energy Efficiency grant call

Launched in October 2018 during Singapore International Energy Week

Co-fund up to 50% EE projects by power generation companies over the next 5 years

# MSME policies

## Latest Country Framework Plan – Support Program for MSMEs

### Centers of Innovations

Develop and test new technologies

Consultancy/training

### Tech access and collaborations with local IHLs

R&D

Problem solving

### Trainings

Training grant for Energy related courses for (MSMES & Individual) such as:

- ISO 5001
- Singapore Certified Energy Manager
- Energy Efficient Opportunities Assessor

# Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Applications for MSMEs Best Practices

Singapore

## Examples - EE (Direct)

### Replacement of lighting

Replace 67 metal halide high lamps  
and 8 high pressure sodium lamps  
with LED lamps

Result in 53% reduction in lighting  
energy consumption

Saving of S\$3,300 per year (22  
MWh)

### Retrofitting of chiller plant

Replacement of inefficient chiller  
with more efficient system

Increase efficiency by 38%

Saving of S\$324,000 per year  
(2,200 MWh)

# Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Applications for MSMEs Best Practices

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## Renewable Energy Application – Indirect

- Total Solar power capacity: 226.4 MWp (130 MW)
  - Residential: 9.7 MWp
  - Non-residential: 226.4 MWp
    - Private sector: 114.3 MWp
- Total solar power capacity increases
  - 1,110% from 2014 (5 years)
  - 56,500% from 2009 (10 years)

# Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Applications for MSMEs Best Practices

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## Renewable Energy Application - Indirect

- 350 MW by yr 2020, 1 GW beyond yr 2020
  - Due to land area constraint, floating PV cells will be deployed in local reservoir

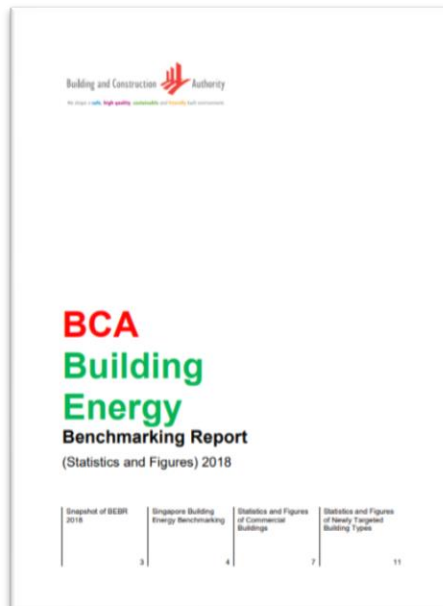


(Source: Straits Time, Tengoh Reservoir to house one of world's largest floating solar panel systems, 2019)

# MSME Needs Analysis

## Intervention Needed to improve MSME Energy Utilization Management

- Monitoring to provide baseline comparison for different product types
- Carbon/eco labelling



# Conclusion

- Regulatory, financial and other supports are available for MSME to adoption of low carbon technologies.
- As policies/support were recently rolled out, limited information is available to determine the success of each policies.
- Capacity and competitiveness of MSME in Singapore still requires strengthening
- Learning replicable strategies

Singapore

Thank you