

**SINGAPORE AND EU
COMPLETE FIRST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS
ON FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

Singapore and the European Union (EU) completed the first round of negotiations on the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA), held in Singapore from 8 – 12 March 2010. Negotiations on the FTA were officially launched by Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang and EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht in Singapore on 3 March 2010.

The two sides had constructive discussions on a range of issues. These include trade in goods, rules of origin, trade remedies, trade in services and investment, intellectual property, government procurement, customs procedures, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, technical barriers to trade, competition, sustainable development and dispute settlement.

The next round of negotiations is scheduled to take place in Brussels from 31 May – 4 June 2010.

**EUROPEAN COMMISSION
MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, SINGAPORE
12 MARCH 2010**