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Surbana inks 10 MOUs to boost productivity and sustainability

Partners include JTC Corp, digital construction solutions provider Glodon, lighting firm Philips-Signify, Republic Poly

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nership with JTC Corporation on Thursday to develop solutions that will boost digitalisation, automation and sustainability in the built environment sector.

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URBAN and infrastructure consultancy Surbana Jurong inked a part-

ing (MOU) aims to combine JTC's project management and engineering capabilities with Surbana Jurong's urban and infrastructure consulting expertise to develop practical and scalable solutions, Surbana and JTC said in a joint statement.

In the area of digitalisation for example, drones with artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities could be used

to digitalise information-gathering and reduce time spent by engineers on manual monitoring on site.

As for improving sustainability, Surbana and JTC will jointly explore new alternative building materials and technologies that can lower carbon footprint.

The agreement was among a record 10 MOUs that Surbana signed

with industry partners at the International Built Environment Week (IBEW) 2019, which was organised by the Building and Construction Authority of Singapore and held at the Sands Expo and Convention Centre.

The other partners include digital construction solutions provider Glodon, VR/AR company 51VR, lighting firm Philips-Signify and Republic Polytechnic.

Surbana, which is owned by Temasek, said in a separate statement that the MOUs allow it to tap on the strengths of its partners in areas including Building Information Modeling (BIM), robotics, smart cities and smart lighting.

It will also be collaborating with

Shui On Joint Venture in Hong Kong to help expand prefabricated prefinished volumetric construction (PPVC) products and services into overseas markets.

Surbana Group CEO Wong Heang Fine said in statement: "The 10 MOUs which we have inked today demonstrate our dedicated focus in working with industry partners to seek improvements and innovations."

Separately, Second Minister for National Development Desmond Lee, who was speaking at the IBEW, said 16 MOUs with a total contract value of \$30 million were signed at the Be Connect business platform.

The 16 MOUs include two that were inked by Surbana Jurong.