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To Members of the Malaysian Bar and pupils in chambers

Industries and Economic Activities in Klang Can Continue to Operate

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (“MITI”) has issued a media statement today (8 Oct 2020) entitled “Industri dan Aktiviti Ekonomi di Klang Boleh Terus Beroperasi”.

We would like to highlight to Members the part in the media statement where it states that **all economic sectors** in the Klang District are allowed to continue operating as usual with strict adherence to the Standard Operating Procedures (“SOP”). The authorities have been directed to enhance enforcement of SOP compliance to ensure the safety of workers and the public in the District of Klang.

Please click [here](#) (see pages 2 to 5) to view the media statement in Bahasa Malaysia and English.

We also advise law firms to issue a letter to their employees confirming their status in the firm, so that employees who may need to travel in and out of Klang, may produce the letter to the authorities.

We hope that the information provided here is of assistance to Members. We will update Members as and when we receive any information from MITI, and when there are new developments.

Thank you.

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INDUSTRI DAN AKTIVITI EKONOMI DI KLANG BOLEH TERUS BEROPERASI

Mesyuarat Sidang Khas Majlis Keselamatan Negara (MKN) ke-22 secara maya yang dipengerusikan oleh YAB Perdana Menteri pagi ini telah membincangkan secara khusus isu penularan pandemik COVID-19 termasuk situasi kes-kes COVID-19 terbaru di Daerah Klang.

Saya telah melaporkan kepada Sidang MKN mengenai hasil perbincangan saya awal pagi ini dengan Pengarah Kesihatan Negeri Selangor, Dato' Indera Dr. Sha'ari Ngadiman berhubung situasi kesihatan di Daerah Klang dan langkah-langkah proaktif yang telah dilaksanakan oleh Jabatan Kesihatan Negeri untuk membendung penularan COVID-19 di Negeri Selangor. Sidang MKN telah memberi perhatian dan mengambil maklum tentang perkembangan dan situasi semasa termasuk maklum balas yang diterima daripada persatuan-persatuan industri dan dewan-dewan perniagaan tempatan dan antarabangsa.

Negeri Selangor menyumbang 24 peratus kepada keseluruhan Keluaran Dalam Negeri Kasar (KDNK) Malaysia dan 30 peratus daripada keseluruhan sektor pembuatan negara. Daripada aspek pasaran buruh, terdapat hampir 3.5 juta pekerja di Selangor iaitu 23.2 peratus daripada jumlah keseluruhan tenaga buruh negara.

Daerah Klang merupakan pusat aktiviti perindustrian yang besar serta merupakan hab utama bagi pelabuhan kontena di Malaysia, dengan sumbangan aktiviti perdagangan di Pelabuhan Klang melebihi RM400 bilion pada tahun 2019.

Justeru, setelah mempertimbangkan situasi kesihatan semasa di Daerah Klang dan kepentingan menjamin kemampanan ekonomi, Sidang MKN hari ini telah memutuskan untuk membenarkan semua sektor ekonomi di Daerah Klang untuk terus beroperasi seperti biasa dengan pematuhan ketat kepada Prosidur Operasi Standard



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(SOP). Pihak berkuasa diarah untuk meningkatkan penguatkuasaan pematuhan SOP untuk menjamin keselamatan pekerja-pekerja dan rakyat di Daerah Klang.

Kerajaan menyedari bahawa syarikat dan industri termasuk Perusahaan Kecil Sederhana (PKS) telah melabur untuk mewujudkan kemudahan dan langkah-langkah keselamatan dan protokol kesihatan tambahan di premis pekerjaan masing-masing semenjak Kerajaan membuka semula operasi sektor ekonomi pada awal Mei 2020.

Sehubungan ini, MITI ingin mengingatkan bahawa syarikat-syarikat dan industri yang berkaitan WAJIB mematuhi SOP yang ditetapkan. Kegagalan syarikat untuk berbuat demikian boleh mengakibatkan operasi diberhentikan serta merta dan berdepan dengan tindakan undang-undang mengikut akta dan peraturan semasa.

Keputusan Kerajaan ini mengambil kira keperluan untuk mengimbangi perlindungan keselamatan dan kesihatan rakyat serta menjamin kelangsungan pekerjaan dan usaha mencerdaskan ekonomi selain memastikan tiada gangguan rantaian bekalan seperti logistik, pengangkutan, makanan & minuman dan lain-lain lagi.

Dalam memastikan keberkesanan dan kemampuan fasa pemulihan ekonomi pada masa ini, Kerajaan bertegas tidak akan berkompromi dalam usaha menjamin keselamatan dan kesihatan rakyat.

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KHAMIS, 8 OKTOBER 2020**

MEDIA RELEASE

INDUSTRY AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN KLANG MAY CONTINUE OPERATIONS

The 22nd National Security Council (NSC) Special Session Meeting held virtually and chaired by YAB Prime Minister this morning discussed specifically the COVID-19 pandemic transmission including the latest COVID-19 cases in the Klang District.

I reported to the NSC Session the outcome of my discussion held earlier this morning with the Selangor State Health Director, Dato' Indera Dr. Sha'ari Ngadiman regarding the health situation in the Klang District and the proactive measures that have been instituted by the State Health Department to curb the spread of COVID-19 in Selangor. The NSC Session took cognizance of current developments and the situation including feedback gathered from industry associations and local and international commerce and business chambers.

The State of Selangor contributes 24 percent to the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and 30 percent of the entire manufacturing sector. In terms of the labour market, there are almost 3.5 million workers in Selangor, constituting 23.2 percent of the country's total labour force.

The Klang District is a major centre of industrial activity as well as a principal hub for container ports in Malaysia, contributing trade activities in Port Klang in excess of RM400 billion in 2019.

In light of this, and after considering the current health situation in the Klang District and the importance of ensuring economic sustainability, today's NSC Session has decided to allow all economic sectors in the Klang District to continue operations as before, subject to strict adherence to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Authorities are henceforth instructed to enhance enforcement of SOP compliance to ensure the safety of workers and citizens in the Klang District.



The Government is mindful that companies and industries including Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) have invested in setting up security facilities and additional health protocols at their respective work premises since the Government reopened operations of the economic sector in early May 2020.

In this regard, MITI would like to remind companies and related industries that compliance with the prescribed SOPs is MANDATORY. Failure to do so will result in immediate termination of operations and legal action in accordance with current Statutes and Regulations.

It bears stressing that the Government's decision takes into account the need to protect both lives and livelihoods, and hence, to balance the protection of the safety and health of the people as well as to secure the continuity of employment and the sustainability of economic development while ensuring no disruption of the supply chain such as logistics, transportation, food and beverages and other essentials.

In maintaining the effectiveness and sustainability of the current economic recovery phase, the Government, however, will not compromise on efforts to secure the safety and health of the people.

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**DATO' SERI MOHAMED AZMIN ALI
SENIOR MINISTER
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THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 2020**