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KUALA LUMPUR: Mimos has been named the Industry Innovation & Advancement (Precision Agriculture) R&D Organisation of the Year by Frost & Sullivan, through its application of Micro Electro Mechanical System (MEMS) in the field.

The award, a first for Mimos, which was conferred at the *Frost & Sullivan Growth Excellence Award* held in California, US, on Tuesday, recognised Mimos for its broad and comprehensive participation in the industry and its contributions to the advancement of the market.

The event was attended by Frost & Sullivan chairman David Frigstad. MIMOS senior vice president, support operations Abdul Aziz Abdul Kadir accepted the award on behalf of Mimos.

"We are indeed proud that Mimos is the only Malaysian recipient of this prestigious award. The award further underscores our commitment to ensuring Mimos becomes the premier applied research centre in frontier technologies," said Mimos president and chief executive Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah.

Mimos applied research in MEMS,

one of eight applied research areas of focus for Mimos, involves exploring microfluidics and complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS) sensing technologies for developing MEMS-based applications and solutions.

"MEMS today is already revolutionising every product category by combining the best of semiconductors, microbiology, optics, and highfrequency wireless communications. There is revolutionary future potential, both locally and globally, for agricultural productivity, environmental pollution and health care," he said.

"The miniaturisation of sensors enabled by MEMS technology and the development of wireless sensor networks is providing further impetus to the commercialisation of precision agriculture concept.

"Mimos is aggressively positioning its capabilities in these and related technologies to provide precision agriculture know-how to relevant stakeholders in Malaysia and the region. Mimos has taken a leadership role in developing this market," said Manoj Menon, partner and managing director Southeast Asia, Frost & Sullivan.