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Grant Allocation for the Set-Up of a Shared Services Centre at PSDC

PENANG 15 May 2009 – The Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department (Economic Planning Unit), Y.B. Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop today announced the set-up of a Shared Services Centre at the PSDC. A grant allocation of RM 30 million has been allocated by the Ministry of Finance to the PSDC under second economic stimulus package for this purpose.

The Centre, which will house an Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Testing Lab, an RF/ Wireless Training Lab and a Computer/ Embedded Systems Training Lab, will assist the industry to move up the value chain in D&D involvement.

As we progress towards the era of the k-economy, high-end technical training and test laboratories are essential. This is a critical move to ensure acceleration of engineering talent development, penetration of local industries into the areas of R&D and the opportunity to develop into full-fledge design houses in the areas of RF and Embedded Systems which have been identified as starting points. In addition to that, the incubation facilities provided will assist the set-up of new business in design and development.

MIMOS President and CEO, Dato’ Abdul Wahab Abdullah also announced the set-up of KnowledgeGRID Malaysia at the PSDC; a strategic initiative by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation. This initiative is spearheaded by MIMOS with close collaboration among the industry for technological advancement. The KnowledgeGRID Malaysia is a form of distributed system where computing resources are shared across networks.

It will allow the implementation of advanced technology in MNCs' product development as well as nurturing local small and medium enterprises (SMEs) through the usage of latest state-of-the-art development tools.

"MIMOS encourages the industry to use our facility where they can leverage on our infrastructure to enable them to compete in the global arena," Dato' Abdul Wahab added.

As an industry consortium spearheading the network and collaboration of MNCs in Penang, PSDC can now play a vital role in training more professionals for MNCs to move the DDI in-line with the federal government's initiative.

"The federal government's objective is to ensure global competitiveness of the SMEs. We envision the Shared Services Centre to lead the local industries towards research, design and development. The PSDC has proved that this is possible through collaboration with existing MNCs for their expertise and the demonstration of past successful shared learning concept," said Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop.

As these MNCs have been around in the country for more than 30 years, they can now be more competitive to invest in the country and help move the nation's DDI.

About PSDC

The PSDC (Penang Skills Development Centre) is a world-class non-profit human capital development centre built on a tri-partite partnership model between the Government, Industry and Academia and backed by its 147 member companies.

About MIMOS

MIMOS is the premier applied research centre in frontier technologies aimed at growing globally competitive indigenous industries. MIMOS pursues exploratory and industry-driven applied research through multi-stakeholder

smart partnerships with local and international universities, research institutes and industries and the Malaysia Government with a focus on frontier technologies.

MIMOS' applied research / technology areas are refined into seven (7) technology clusters - Knowledge Grid, Knowledge Technology, Information Security, Wireless Communications, MEMS & Micro Energy, Advanced Informatics, and Nano Clusters. MIMOS' focus is on driving globally recognized Centres of Excellence to promote and license MIMOS technologies or IPs to qualified indigenous ICT companies to strengthen their abilities to compete globally and move Malaysian ICT industry higher up the value chain.

MIMOS is the recipient of two (2) National Intellectual Property Award 2009 under the 'Trademark' and 'Industrial Design Award' categories and three (3) Malaysia Good Design Mark Awards 2008 under the 'Media and Home Electronics' category. The organisation also won the Asia HRD Congress 2008 Award under the 'Contribution to the Organisation' category for outstanding contribution to the field of Human Resource Development and the Frost & Sullivan's Growth Excellence Award 2007 for Industry Innovation & Advancement (Precision Agriculture) for its application and development of Micro Electro Mechanical System (MEMS) in the field of precision agriculture.