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CRITICAL CONSTRUCTION WORK CAN CONTINUE THROUGHOUT MCO

KUALA LUMPUR - The Ministry of Works would like to refer to the Special Message of The Honorable Prime Minister of Malaysia on 11th January 2021 regarding the Implementation of Movement Control Order (MCO) in six states namely Johor, Melaka, Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan, Selangor, Penang and Sabah.

To control the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic in the Construction Sector, all construction work in the states involved should be stopped throughout the MCO starting January 13, 2021. However, to ensure the survival of the construction sector, exceptions are granted on the following works included to the **List of Essential Services**:

- I. **Critical maintenance and repair work**, such as work which if discontinued can cause harm or damage to employees, public or environment. Among the jobs allowed are:
 - a) Slope repair
 - b) Road repair
 - c) Road repair and maintenance
 - d) Repair of buildings / offices
 - e) Repair of individual residences
 - f) Traffic management control
 - g) Periodic inspections and periodic repairs of elevator / travelator / escalator as well as other critical mechanical and electrical equipment
 - h) Repair, maintenance and upgrading of critical service premises
 - i) Traffic light repair
 - j) Construction of Baikey Bridge at the site of the collapsed bridge
 - k) Tunnel construction works
 - l) Emergency work stated in the contract agreement
 - m) Maintenance, cleaning and drying of stagnant water, spraying of pesticides on construction sites to prevent reproduction of Aedes mosquitoes and other pests

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- n) Other unfinished work that could be dangerous.
- II. **Main Public Infrastructure Construction Works**; these works use a lot of machinery or do not involve many workers gathering in one place or away from the public or the construction site located in a remote area. Among the work allowed;
- a) Highways and roads
 - b) Bridges and viaduct
 - c) Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)
 - d) Electrical related infrastructure
 - e) Telecommunication related infrastructure
 - f) Infrastructure related to dams, drainage and sewerage
 - g) Oil and gas related infrastructure.
- III. **Building Construction Works**; allowed for projects that provide complete employee accommodation at the construction site or employees housed in the Central Workers Quarters (CLQ) and employers need to provide transportation of workers from CLQ to the construction site and back to CLQ. Both accommodation on the construction site and CLQ must comply with Act 446 (Minimum Standards, Housing and Employee Facilities Act 1990).
- IV. **Professional Services / Consultants** can only be implemented for work that is allowed to operate as listed in Item I-III. Professionals / Consultants are responsible for fully complying with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that are set. Professional Services / Consultants need to ensure a minimum workforce and only perform tasks that are considered critical when dealing with construction sites.
- V. **Other services in the supply chain** such as supply of building materials, delivery of materials, etc. are allowed but limited to approved construction sites operating based on the works listed in Item I-III. All parties involved in the supply chain are fully responsible for complying with the prescribed SOPs such as ensuring that the transport used and the materials delivered have been sanitized, recording the temperature at site entry and recording the movement in and out of the site.

Detailed information on these types of work will be clearly stated under **Construction Sector Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)**.

APPLICATION FOR OPERATING APPROVAL

The approval to operate for all categories of construction companies involved with a project, should be obtained from MITI through the CIMS MITI portal (COVID-19 Intelligent Management System) at notifications miti.gov.my.

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS' MOVEMENT CONTROL

To ensure that there is no transmission of COVID-19 from the construction site to the local community, controlled movement of construction workers in and out of the construction site and employee accommodation (CLQ) should be taken into account. Contractors also need to provide limited transportation to bring workers from CLQ to the construction site and back to CLQ without stopping to other places. Therefore, the contractor needs to ensure all daily needs of workers at the construction site including food and self-cleaning necessities are provided to prevent their employees from having to visit grocery stores or food stalls that will cause interaction to happen with locals.

To prevent the spread of the epidemic from one construction site to another, all construction workers are not allowed to move from one construction site to another during this MCO period. The Project Superintendent is responsible for ensuring full compliance of SOP when construction work is carried out during the MCO period.

Any inquiries on the operation of the construction sector during the MCO can be submitted to **CIDB Careline at 03-5567 3300** (Hours of Operation from Monday to Friday from 8.00 am to 5.30 pm)

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