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### **PRESS STATEMENT**

#### **ONLY CRITICAL CONSTRUCTION WORK IS ALLOWED DURING MCO**

KUALA LUMPUR - The Ministry of Works (MOW) refers to the government's decision to implement the full Movement Control Order (MCO) nationwide from June 1 to June 14, 2021.

To control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the construction sector, all construction work nationwide should be stopped during this MCO period. However, exceptions are granted to the following works listed in **Critical Services**.

The permitted activities in the Construction Sector are :-

A. Critical maintenance and repair works, ie. work which if not continued could cause danger or harm to workers, the public or the environment, include :-

- a) Maintenance and repair of slopes, roads, bridges, traffic management control, and traffic lights;
- b) Periodic inspection and repair of lifts/ travelators/ escalators and other critical mechanical and electrical equipment;
- c) Repair, maintenance and upgrading of facilities at critical service premises;
- d) Maintenance works, cleaning and drying of stagnant water, spraying of pesticides on construction sites to prevent breeding of Aedes mosquitoes and other pests;
- e) Repair and maintenance of railway tracks such as MRT, LRT, commuter, single/ double track and rail projects.
- f) Repairs to individual dwellings; and
- g) Construction of Bailey Bridge at the site of collapsed bridges.

B. Construction works involving major and critical public infrastructure include :-

- a) Tunnels;
- b) Slopes;
- c) Bridges and viaducts;
- d) Highways certified to have physical progress of eighty (80%) and above;
- e) Major public infrastructure including MRT, LRT, ECRL, commuter, single/double track and rail projects;
- f) Infrastructure relating to electricity, telecommunications, dams, drainage and sewerage, oil and gas;
- g) Certified hospital work achieving physical progress of eighty (80%) and above;
- h) Construction work of buildings with adequate staff accommodation on the construction site.

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C. Professional services/ consultants involved in construction works that are permitted to operate as listed in items (A) and (B) as above; and

D. Services in the supply chain that involve construction works that are permitted to operate as in items (A) and (B) as above.

All contractors involved in the projects listed above need to obtain new approval through CIMS CIDB on the website [cims.cidb.gov.my](http://cims.cidb.gov.my) for the MCO period starting June 1, 2021. For consulting companies and suppliers, applications for operating permission must be made through the principal contractor who is responsible for entering the information of all consulting companies and service providers related to the project in question into the system. **All previous approvals are not applicable during this period.**

The permission letter generated through the system must be displayed at the premises/construction sites and can be used as approval for movement by all parties involved with the approved project.

#### **MOVEMENT CONTROL OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS**

Operating hours and permitted employee attendance are as usual but employee capacity is limited to 60% only.

All workers (locals and foreigners) at the construction site must undergo the COVID-19 Detection Test before starting work. Contractors are also reminded to appoint a Safety and Health Officer who is given the responsibility of monitoring compliance with SOPs at construction sites, in addition to other safety and health guidelines. The Project Supervising Officer is responsible for ensuring full compliance with SOPs for construction work carried out throughout the MCO period.

To ensure that COVID-19 does not spread from construction sites to local communities, control of movement in and out of construction sites and workers' quarters (CLQ) should be limited. The contractor needs to provide transportation

The going and return of workers is restricted to movement between accommodation or CLQ within construction site only. Contractors must also ensure that daily necessities such as food needs and personal hygiene of construction site workers are provided to control the movement of workers in and out in order to protect workers and local residents from COVID-19 outbreak infection.

To prevent the spread of the virus from one construction site to another, all construction workers are **not allowed** to move from one construction site to another during the MCO period.

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MoW urges all construction industry players to comply with the latest construction SOPs to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Construction Industry Development Board of Malaysia (CIDB) will further enhance the monitoring and enforcement of SOPs at construction sites as well as the placement of construction workers. CIDB has the power to close construction sites and also impose compounds on construction sites that are found not to comply with the prescribed SOPs or commit any offense under Act 520 (Malaysian Construction Industry Development Authority Act), Act 446 (Minimum Housing Standards Act and Employee Facilities 1990) and Act 342 (Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control Act 1988). CIDB also has the power to impose disciplinary action on any contractor found guilty which will result in their registration being suspended or revoked.

Details of the conditions and types of work allowed are clearly stated in the **Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the Construction Sector** which can be downloaded from [www.cidb.gov.my](http://www.cidb.gov.my).

Any inquiries on the operation of the construction sector during the MCO period can be submitted to CIDB Careline at 03-5567 3300 (operating hours from Monday to Friday, 8.00 am to 5.30 pm).

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