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*Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation*

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF LAMP PROJECT OPERATIONS MONITORING COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF SPOKESPERSON**

April 6, 2013 - The Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation has appointed members to the Lynas Advance Material Project (LAMP) Project Operations Monitoring Committee, with Malaysian Institute of Chemistry President Datuk Dr. Soon Ting Kueh as chairman.

The setting up of the committee, which will act as an advisory and monitoring body, is one of the 31 recommendations of the Parliamentary Select Committee (PSC) on LAMP Project.

Other committee members comprise representatives from related government agencies, non-government organisations as well as relevant experts.

The committee will monitor Lynas' compliance of the conditions of licences issued to it by respective authorities, as well as monitor the safety of workers, the public and environment.

The committee will monitor the project's progress with regard to the following:

1. Management of security measures adopted;
2. Safety standards for all activities at the project site;
3. Level of disturbance and/or threats to the health of workers and/or surrounding community;
4. Level of impact on the environment and when necessary, to discuss and recommend appropriate mitigation measures;
5. Systems and equipment are functional and well maintained;
6. Maintenance of Lynas building structure, and
7. Public awareness and understanding of LAMP project

In line with the committee's establishment, the Ministry has also appointed committee member Prof. Dato' Ir. Dr. Badhrulhisham bin Abdul Aziz as spokesperson to comment on the LAMP project, in view of his capacity as an expert in the field of chemical engineering and his vast experience in rare earth management.

Prof. Dato.' Ir. Dr. Badhrulhisham is Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International). He holds a Bachelor of Science in

Chemical Engineering from Colorado State University, Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Wales (Swansea) and received his Doctorate in Chemical Engineering from Kyoto University.

He holds membership in numerous professional bodies that are both domestically and internationally acclaimed, and specialises in the area of Chemical Processes/Plants and Wastewater Treatment Plant which is very much related to the LAMP project and his appointment.

Prof. Dato' Ir. Dr. Badhrulhisham also chairs UMP's Rare Earth Research Work Committee and was very much involved in providing technical information to the PSC on LAMP Project. Besides being involved in community services, he also works and resides in Kuantan, Pahang. He can be contacted via email at [lamp\\_qna@yahoo.com](mailto:lamp_qna@yahoo.com), telephone: 09-5492003 and Fax: 09-5492616.

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