

**APRIL 17, 2012: PRESS STATEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION ON THE HEARING FOR THE APPEAL
PERTAINING TO L.A.M.P.**

BANGI: The Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Maximus Ongkili heard the appeal by three individuals against the Atomic Energy Licensing Board's Jan 30, 2012 decision to award a temporary operating licence for the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant in Gebeng, Kuantan.

The three individuals were Encik Ismail Abu Bakar, Mr. Tan Ah Meng and Mrs. Abujavalli a/p V Raman who claimed to be affected by the decision. The appeal was made under Section 32 of the Atomic Energy Licensing Act 1984 (Act 304).

The minister heard and went through the 14 points their counsels raised as the basis of their appeal. The counsels also brought forward four information providers who gave their testimonies to support a number of issues the appellants deemed pertinent.

The minister also called four people to give expert evidence including an assessor from the Public Consultation Assessment Committee, the Department of Environment and an academician.

As the minister hearing the case, Datuk Seri Panglima Dr Maximus Ongkili will study the documents tendered and submitted to him to analyse further and weigh up the arguments based on the grounds of appeal.

He will also consult related experts and authorities before making a decision on the appeal as soon as possible.

The appellants were represented by Dato' Bastian Vendargon of Messrs Bastian Vendargon Advocates and Solicitors as lead counsel, together with R. Sarengapani of Messrs RS Pani & Associates and Hon Kai Ping of Messrs H.Y. Lee & Hee.

The hearing was held at Nuclear Malaysia's headquarters here.

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