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MINUTES OF THE 28th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF MALAYSIA PALLET ASSOCIATION

Date : 9 April 2021 (Friday)
Time : 5pm to 6.30pm
Venue : Google Meet
Chairman : Richard Tan Swee Heng
Delegates : As in Attendance List (Annex 1)

1) Speech by President

1.1 President Richard Tan welcomed all delegated to the 28th Management Committee Meeting by new normal with using Google Meet. He thanks to all the committee and members on their commitment for being present in this meeting.

2) Confirmation Minute of 27th Committee Management Meeting

2.1 Proposed by Razeef and was seconded by Cheah Poh Leong.

3) Raw material of timber shortage from last year MCO till now

3.1 Mr Saw have mention the supply of timber logs are very low for the whole year MCO. The concession activity very low is due to logging industry not allow to operate during the MCO because it is not under essential products in this pandemic period. Then many sawmills company are allow to operate if they can get the MITI or MTIB approval. Therefore, their timber log stocks level will slowly become zero level. After government announce lifted MCO, logging activities only start to operate gradually. Due to the limited timber log in the market, the pricing of timber log increase gradually every month.

The shortage of logs also due to raining season from last year September 2020 till middle of January 2021. The concession activity will stop during Chinese New Year for atleast two week.

After Chinese new year, state forestry department and environment department start to monitor every logging concession for any wrong doing by logger company. This indirectly slower the logging activities. Another reason for limited timber log in the market would be slower process of log permit by state forestry department.

4) Pricing of timber/logs or sawntimber increase/unstable due to shortage of labor, slow logging activities, many protocols from state forest department etc.

4.1 John Lim explain the above issue happened was due to local customers previously using pinewood pallet are change to mixwood pallet. It is because pinewood manufacturer in many countries cannot operate during the pandemic period. Furthermore, the contena shipment charges are jump to historical high. This indirectly add on the cost to the pinewood imported. And the shortage of contena will affect the shipment of pinewood material need more time to reach Malaysia.

4.2 Another problem was during MCO period, many foreign workers going back to their own country and not coming back. This will cause shortage of labour in the pallet industry.

5) Membership drive and updates

5.1 Secretary Loong announce the up to date MPA members as at 31 March 2021 are 40 members company. The new member join MPA this year are Greenpack Global Sdn Bhd sponsor by Richard Tan. And the member withdrawals this year are Amkawood Sdn Bhd, Taipanway Sdn Bhd, Berjayapak Sdn Bhd, ES Eng Soon Sdn Bhd, TKT Machinery Sdn Bhd and Lim Ket Ling Sdn Bhd.

6) Financial statement updates by Treasurer, Mr Vincent Boo

6.1 Vincent Boo has briefed the team Income and Expenditure Statement for the month of 26 Feb 2021, the closing balance is rm139,169.19

6.2 Please refer to attached Financial Statement for more information.

7) 4th Annual dinner in Johor pending

7.1 Kent mention that this 4th annual dinner which are in Johor will be on hold due to this pandemic period and we need to wait the government announcement for further lifted MCO for whole Malaysia.

8) Courtesy visit Director General MTIB, Mr Mohd Kheiruddin Bin Mohd Rani and MTC CEO, Tuan Muhtar Suhaili

8.1 Dato Andrew will let committee members know for this courtesy visit arrangement.

9) Visit Department Environment of Malaysia, for any issue regards timber materials for our pallet industry.

9.1 Mr saw mention that Federal Environment Department are not related to our pallet industry because it do not control the raw timber material.

10) Others

10.1 Richard Tan understand all the issues face by all members nowadays. He then ask all the members for counter measure to solve the problems arise.

10.2 Mr Ng said that Asli Village always create the complaint to loggers regard environment problem like river pollution etc and need logger provide them water piping facilities for the asli residents. Therefore, he also mention that Forestry department Perak limit the tonnage output by logger for every block concession. For sawmill, the labor shortage also reduce the production capacity.

10.3 Kent inform that Johor many pallet maker lack of labors after MCO. Some of customers in Johor state cannot afford the higher price of wooden pallet after price of timber material surges.

10.4 John Lim urges to have replantation among loggers or private enterprise together with effort from forestry department to ensure the forest in Malaysia to be sustainable in the future.

10.5 PL Cheah mention that even though coil nail, timber material, transportation cost increase, he will continue to support his royalty customer. Then it is the right time to filter out the non good customer in term of payment or pricing too low.

11) Adjournment

11.1) The meeting adjourned at 4.30 PM.

Chairman
Richard Tan Swee Heng

Annex 1

MALAYSIA PALLET ASSOCIATION 27th MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

NO	REPRESENTATIVES NAME	NAME OF COMPANY
1	Haji Mustaffa	Champform Sdn Bhd
2	Vincent Ooi	Vintage Pack Sdn Bhd
3	Loong Kam Shing	Up Rate Timber Industries Sdn Bhd
4	Razeef	Radiant Heat Treatment Services Sdn Bhd
5	Ooi Lay Pheng	Berjayapak Sdn Bhd
6	Cheah Poh Leong	Song and Huat Wood Products
7	Tan Sing Sing	Delloyd Industries Sdn Bhd
8	John Lim	Lim Ket Ling Timber Sdn Bhd
9	Allan Lim	Kaizen Transpack Sdn Bhd
10	Belinda	Palbox Industrial Supply Sdn Bhd
11	Saw Eng Thai	Sim Lee Sawmill Sdn Bhd
12	Richard Tan Swee Heng	Finopeous Packaging Industries Sdn Bhd
13	Dato Andrew Goh	Taik Sin Timber Industries Sdn Bhd
14	Jeffrey Goh	Taik Sin Timber Industries Sdn Bhd
15	Eric Ng	Mahsing Plastic Industries Sdn Bhd
16	Ng Eow Siah	Boon Hock Sawmill Sdn Bhd
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