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RM355M AJINOMOTO NEW PLANT IN BANDAR ENSTEK HALAL HUB

KUALA LUMPUR, 13th August 2019 – Ajinomoto (Malaysia) Berhad (AMB) is investing RM355 million to build a new plant including AMB's Corporate Office in Techpark@Enstek, Bandar Enstek, Negeri Sembilan, the construction of which is planned to commence in October 2019 and barring any unforeseen circumstances, is expected to be completed by March 2022. This is following the Company's land acquisition announcement made in February 2018.

The AMB plant is currently based in Kuchai Lama, Kuala Lumpur, which is experiencing rapid commercial, residential and infrastructure development. The decision to relocate the plant is in line with the Company's business expansion plans.

Techpark@Enstek, a Halal Hub, was chosen as the ideal site to underpin the Company's status as a certified and established halal food manufacturer. The new plant will strengthen AMB's unique development and production functions in supplying halal-compliant products and specialty ingredients. It will maintain the "White List" recognition (the highest recognition from JAKIM) to provide added value to the local community and further expand the export of halal food products to ASEAN and global Islamic countries.

The new plant will continue to produce, the Company's popular Umami Seasoning AJI-NO-MOTO®, flavour seasoning TUMIX®, Rasa Sifu™, AJI-SHIO®, menu specific seasoning SERI-AJI® and other consumer products, and products for industrial food producers such as "Tencho". It is AMB's aim to become a Global Halal Production and Specialty Ingredients Centre to meet the increasing demand for halal food seasonings and products both locally and globally.

In addition, the use of advanced technology in the new plant will optimize operations through automation and digitalization, resulting in improvement in productivity, and the creation of a conducive and work-friendly environment.

Since its establishment, the Ajinomoto Group has been focusing on solving social issues through its business activities

worldwide. Its success lies in creating values together with the local communities and wider society. The Group has named this principle at the heart of its business: the Ajinomoto Group Creating Shared Value (ASV).

AMB will strengthen the ASV principle in the new plant through its socially responsible design which incorporates facilities to promote community engagement and development programs such as factory tours, cooking classes and other community activities. On the eco-friendly front, the new plant will continue to explore ways to address global warming and environmental issues such as reducing Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions by changing the heat source from fuel oil to natural gas, and using renewable energy such as solar as an alternative.

Moving forward, AMB with its new plant will continue to contribute to the sustainability of society and the environment. The Company will cooperate with its customers and local communities across the value chain, right from production to consumption, as it strives towards becoming the most trusted and beloved food company in Malaysia.

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About Ajinomoto (Malaysia) Berhad

Ajinomoto (Malaysia) Berhad (AMB) started its business operations in 1961, as one of the very first Japanese companies in Malaysia. It is part of the Ajinomoto Group, a global manufacturer of high-quality food and seasoning, starting with Umami Seasoning AJI-NO-MOTO® which was first discovered and produced more than 100 years ago in Japan. Today, AMB has a range of products under the brand names of AJI-NO-MOTO®, Rasa Sifu™, TUMIX®, SERI-AJI®, AJI-SHIO®, PAL SWEET®, AJI-NO-MOTO® PLUS, and AJI-MIX™.

AMB has since grown into a dynamic and responsible food and seasoning manufacturer, that is trusted by Malaysians for decades.