

## Wire Mesh Members Engagement with SIRIM

In response to a growing concern on CQ mesh, SIRIM QAS International organized an engagement session with its wire mesh product certification license (PCL) holders on 14 January 2020. MISIF Wire Mesh members together with members of Steel Wire Association (SWAM), Building Materials Distributors Association (BMDAM), Master Builders' Association of Malaysia (MBAM) and Association of Consulting Engineers Malaysia (ACEM) attended the session.

Wire mesh is a factory-made machine-welded steel fabric for the

reinforcement of concrete, manufactured from ribbed bars conforming to MS 146:2013. The welded mesh is specified in the Fourth Schedule of CIDB Act 520. It must be certified by CIDB in accordance with the standard ms 145:2013.

Although the amendment to Act 520 has enhanced the compliance for building materials to meet the relevant standards, sub-standard welded mesh (or CQ mesh) is becoming more rampant in the past few years. In general, CQ mesh refers to wire mesh which does not comply to standard, usually in some or all of the following ways; under-sized wire diameter, absence of roll-marked on wire and improper identification tag.



Wire mesh PCL holders at the engagement session.

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In addition, misuse of certification mark is also a big problem in the industry. Certain suppliers may use an approved certification mark on the CQ mesh to give the impression of legitimacy and compliance. The certification body takes a very serious view on this matter and may initiate legal action against offenders.

It was clearly emphasized in the engagement session that all construction materials specified in the Fourth Schedule must be certified by CIDB. Any person who deals or undertakes to deal with these materials without CIDB certification will be guilty of an offence. Under Section 2(1), "deal" means to handle, use, manufacture, supply, market, transfer, sell or buy. In other words, that include suppliers, distributors, contractors, consultants and developers.

Manufacturers not complying with MS 145:2014 will have their *Perakuan Pematuhan Standard* (PPS) suspended or terminated. No party is allowed to deal with a mesh supplier without a valid PPS.

During Q & A session, a participant asked what if CQ mesh were to cast into concrete. The answer was either these elements have to be hacked out, or the developer, contractor and consultant have to sign a declaration to CIDB to take full responsibility of the cast elements.



*Panellists at the Q & A session are En. Zaini Yahya of CIDB, Puan Fauziah Ahmad, Tuan Hj. Basori Selamat and En. Wan Mohd Ramzi of SIRIM.*

It was also commented that there is a possibility insurance company may not cover for the cost of damage due to the use of CQ mesh. There could also be other potential liabilities from occupiers of the development for any subsequent quality issues.

## Technical Talk to IEM

MISIF Wire Group is one of the existing twelve (12) sectoral groups established under MISIF to look at specific interests and promotion of the group.

In view of the increasing usage of sub-standard mesh being detected at construction sites, MISIF formed a SIRIM-MISIF Joint Task Force on Wire Mesh to eradicate the usage of commercial quality (CQ or non-

compliance) wire mesh to ensure public safety, quality of buildings, protection of consumers, and to mitigate any future unwarranted events or fatalities at construction sites.

In relation to this, SIRIM-MISIF joint Task Force gave a technical talk to the Civil and Structural Engineering Technical Division (CSETD) of IEM on 6 February 2020.

The topics presented were as follows:

- "Mesh Application and Construction Quality Enforcement in Singapore" by Mr. Saravanan Natarajan of Natsteel for MISIF;
- "Product Certification Ms145:2014 Steel Fabric for Reinforcement of Concrete" by En. Hasnol Zakaria of SIRIM QAS International.



*Mr. Saravanan and En. Hasnol receiving their token of appreciation from IEM representative.*

## Local Industry Meets MINTRED and Wenan

MISIF and Malaysia Steel Association (MSA) were invited to a dialogue session with Ministry of International Trade & Industry, Industrial Terminal and Entrepreneur Development (MINTRED), Sarawak and Wenan Steel on 14 February 2020 in Kuching, Sarawak.

The meeting was co-chaired by Datu Liaw Soon Eng, Permanent Secretary of MINTRED and Dato' Sri Norazman bin Ayob, Deputy Secretary General (Industry) of MITI

The dialogue served as a platform for discussion between the local steel industry with MINTRED/ Wenan Steel on the proposed Wenan project.

## Initiation of AD Investigation Concerning Imports of Flat Rolled Products of Non-Alloy Steel from China, South Korea and Viet Nam

The Government of Malaysia received a petition from NS Bluescope Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. representing the domestic industry requesting for an anti-dumping investigation to be conducted on imports of flat rolled products of non-alloy steel coated or plated with aluminium and zinc (subject merchandise) originated or imported from the People's Republic of China (China), Republic of Korea (Korea), and Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

The Petitioner alleged that imports of these subject merchandises originated or imported from China, Korea and Viet Nam were being dumped into Malaysia at a price much lower than their selling price in the domestic market of the alleged countries and this had caused



*Representatives at the dialogue session.*

material injury to the domestic industry in Malaysia.

The Petitioner claimed that the dumped imports from the alleged countries had increased in terms of absolute quantity and caused material injury to the domestic industry.

The Government had evaluated and determined that there was sufficient prima facie evidence of dumping, injury and causal link and decided to initiate an anti-dumping investigation on imports of flat rolled products of non-alloy steel coated or plated with aluminium and zinc from the alleged countries under the following Harmonise System Codes (HS Codes) and ASEAN Harmonise Tariff Nomenclature (AHTN):

7210.61.11 00	7210.61.99 00
7210.61.12 00	7212.50.23 00
7210.61.19 00	7212.50.24 90
7210.61.91 00	7212.50.29 10
7210.61.92 00	7212.50.29 90

In accordance with the Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 and its related Regulations, a preliminary determination would be made within 120 days from the date of initiation. If the preliminary determination is affirmative, the Government would impose a provisional anti-dumping duty at the rate that is necessary to

prevent further injury to the domestic industry.

In connection with this investigation, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) would provide a set of questionnaires to interested parties (importers, foreign producers, exporters and associations).

Other interested parties may request for the questionnaires in writing to MITI no later than 3 April 2020. Interested parties may also provide additional supporting evidence to MITI before 17 April 2020 to support this investigation. In the event no additional information is received within the specified period, the Government would make its preliminary findings based on the available facts.

Request for questionnaires and further enquiries concerning this investigation could be directed to Trade Practices Section of MITI via [alltps@miti.gov.my](mailto:alltps@miti.gov.my).

## Final AD Duties on Steel Concrete Bars from Singapore and Turkey

On 26 April 2019, the government of Malaysia initiated an anti-dumping investigation based on a petition filed by the Malaysia Steel Association representing domestic producers of steel concrete reinforcing bar (subject

merchandise) in accordance with the Countervailing and Anti-dumping Duties Act 1993 and Countervailing and Anti-dumping Duties Regulation 1994.

The petitioner alleged that subject merchandise originating or exported from Republic of Singapore (Singapore) and The Republic of Turkey (Turkey) were being imported into Malaysia at a price lower than the selling price in their respective domestic markets, causing material injury to the domestic industry in Malaysia producing the like product.

The government of Malaysia had concluded the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from Singapore and Turkey and decided to impose final affirmative anti-dumping duties as follows:

<b>Republic of Singapore</b>	
Natsteel Holdings Pte Ltd	4.97%
Others	17.65%
<b>Republic of Turkey</b>	
Colakoglu Metalurji A.S.	Nil
Diler Iron and Steel Co. Inc.	3.62%
Others	20.09%

The Royal Malaysian Customs Department had enforced the collection of anti-dumping duties on imports of steel concrete reinforcing bar from the alleged countries and this measure took effect for five (5) years, from 22 January 2020 to 21 January 2025.

## MISIF New Website

MISIF new website was launched in October 2019 with a new fresh look and user friendly navigation.

The new website is aimed to provide a new platform for MISIF members to promote their business besides dissemination of information on latest news and industry insight.

Members now have more options and flexibilities in advertising their products and services through our website.

We recommend members to consider the option of **Profile Featured Image** to enhance your company profile by adding product photos, products specification,

services, standard and certification and etc.

In relation to the **Profile Featured Image**, MISIF is now offering **FREE** artwork creation if you sign up for any one of the Advertising Packages before 30 April 2020.

We are confident that great content of daily postings of steel industry news and regular announcements on market developments and latest policies are the cornerstone of increasing traffic to MISIF website.

Today, more people than ever before are using mobile devices, and obviously members could capitalize on the advantage of having visitors/readers browsing through the portfolio of products/services from your company, from anywhere in the world with continuous 24/7.

For further enquiries, please contact the MISIF Secretariat at Tel: 03-55133970.