

MISIF 40th AGM

MISIF reached a historic milestone on 12 August 2020 when it conducted its 40th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in full virtual proceedings for the first time, broadcasted from the MISIF Secretariat office, Shah Alam, Selangor.

The virtual AGM provided a platform for a total of 29 member company representatives present to adopt the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 23 May 2019 and the 2019 MISIF Annual Report through online voting. Members at the meeting also agreed on the appointment of Messrs Goonting & Chiew as the Auditors of the company at a fee agreed upon by the Council and to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

During the AGM, MISIF President, Dato' Lim Hong Thye reviewed the challenges faced by the iron and steel industry, the problems and issues that arose and efforts undertaken by MISIF to engage with the government and relevant authorities in safeguarding the interests of the whole industry. He also provided an insight to members on the meetings held with MITI during MCO to discuss the re-opening of the industry



A screenshot of some members present at the AGM, held online via Microsoft Teams platforms

and submission of proposals to the government.

Acknowledging that 2020 was still a very challenging year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the President assured members that MISIF is committed to champion the interest of the iron and steel industry and engage with the stakeholders, particularly the government. He hoped that the iron and steel industry would be out of this

downturn as soon as possible.

MISIF wishes to thank members for their participation to the AGM and support to the Secretariat for the endeavour to conduct the inaugural virtual AGM. It shows the dedication of the Secretariat and MISIF members to convene in an annual meeting, despite the deterring circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, while keeping the best practice of social distancing.

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MISIF Holds 2nd Dialogue with MARii

Following the last dialogue session with Malaysia Automotive Robotics and IoT Institute (MARii) held on 8 July 2019, MISIF Tripartite Group (Cold Rollers, Steel Service Centres and Steel Sheet Coaters) continued the practice to hold the 2nd dialogue session with MARii on 12 August 2020 in MARii Office, Cyberjaya.

The dialogue session was chaired by En Nizmar Mohd Nazar, Chief Information Officer of MARii while Mr Loke Kin Leong, MISIF Council Member and Chairman of MISIF Steel Service Centre Group led the discussion on behalf of MISIF.

This 2nd dialogue session resumed the discussion on the update of issues related to import duty exemptions, local content percentage baseline, challenges faced in localising the supply of auto-steel material and data on high strain test for CAE requirement. The engagement was strategic for MISIF members to discourse with the key players in the context such as MARii, MITI, Perodua and Proton.

MISIF Wire Mesh Group Meets with SWAM

MISIF Task Force on Wire Mesh Group met with the Steel Wire Association of Malaysia (SWAM) on 24 July 2020 at MISIF Training Room, Shah Alam.

Mr Yeoh Choon Kwee, Chairman of MISIF Wire Group, led the discussion for MISIF while SWAM was led by its President, Mr Ernest Koay.

The meeting was to discuss issues to obtain the Product Certification (PC) and *Perakuan Pematuhan Standard* (PPS) for Purpose-made Fabric (PMF) under the MS145:2014. Both MISIF and SWAM have worked collectively to propose a pragmatic and possible solution to CIDB in the industry's interest.

MISIF IBS Group Makes a Courtesy Call on CIDB IBS & BIM

MISIF IBS Group paid a courtesy call on Ir. Dr Gerald Sundaraj, General Manager of IBS & BIM Division, Technology Development Sector, CIDB Malaysia on 4 September 2020 at Sunway Putra Tower, Kuala Lumpur.

The meeting mainly discussed areas of cooperation and collaboration between MISIF IBS Group and CIDB (IBS Division and Construction Materials Division) in enhancing the awareness and adoption of IBS in Malaysia, specifically in the construction industry.

The meeting also provided an avenue for MISIF to have a better understanding on the latest development on IBS policies.

MISIF Webinar Courses (July – September 2020)

2nd Stainless Steel Webinar: Finishes and Their Applications for Stainless Steels

In a continuous effort to promote wider applications of stainless steel, MISIF, Nickel Institute (NI) and International Molybdenum Association (IMOA) jointly organised the second online webinar on "*Finishes and Their Applications for Stainless Steels*" on 21 July 2020.

The webinar session was conducted by Dr Graham A. Sussex, Technical Specialist from Nickel Institute and Australian Stainless Steel Development Association, Melbourne, Australia. A total of 79 participants from various steel related companies, including Dr Graham and Mr Juerg Schweizer the Coordinator joined the webinar session.

This webinar presented an insight on the variety of finishes, from mirror through abraded, from blasted or profiled to coloured and the property differences of applications.

3rd Stainless Steel Webinar: Pickling, Passivation, Cleaning and Maintenance of Stainless Steel

The third webinar session on "*Pickling, Passivation, Cleaning and Maintenance of Stainless Steel*" was held on 28 July 2020. The session was also conducted by Dr. Graham A. Sussex and recorded 106 participants from various fields of the industry.

The presentation emphasised on pre-commissioning chemical treatments with the ongoing care of installed stainless steel. The key takeaway was about stainless steel being a low maintenance product but that it needed neither natural maintenance (provided by good design) or a supplemental cleaning separate element into a coherent whole. The webinar introduced multiple examples for further discussion with the participants.

"STEEL" Electricity from Solar Webinar

COVID-19 pandemic affected many industries globally including Malaysia. Under the Recovery Movement Control Order (RMCO) phase, businesses are resuming their operation with the proclivity for solar energy as one of the sustainable solutions to save their operational cost in the long term.

Through the collaboration with Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) and Solarvest, MISIF conducted the online webinar titled "STEEL" Electricity from Solar on 22 September 2020.

The webinar session was conducted by Ms Lim Su-Vern, Business Development Manager of Solarvest Energy Sdn Bhd and Mr Gogielan Nantha Kumar, Senior Assistant Director of Green Technology Division, MIDA.

The Secretariat managed to record 24 participants, who comprised MISIF members to understand more about its potential.

New Member – Ordinary

Weida Steel Industries Sdn Bhd

Location: Lot 1043, Block 7, MTLD, Jalan Demak Laut 3, Demak Laut Industrial Park, 93050 Kuching, Sarawak

Products Manufactured: Mild Steel Cement-Lined (MSCL) Pipes, Steel Pipes and Fittings

Briefing on Labour Standards Compliance for Sustainable Supply Chain

MITI organised a briefing titled "*Labour Standards Compliance for Sustainable Supply Chain*" for the manufacturing sector on 29 July 2020.

The programme aimed to brief the Malaysian manufacturing industry on the latest developments related to labour-related policies and laws in the context of the employment of foreign workers in the manufacturing sector. The sideline objective of the programme was to create awareness amongst the industries, to help them understand and comply with labour standards in eliminating issues related to foreign workers that were expected by the US authorities of Malaysian companies exporting goods to the US.

Over 150 participants attended the briefing session, and Datuk Bahria Mohd Tamil, Deputy Secretary General (Investment), MITI officiated the event.

The papers presented were:

- "*Forced Labour Elements and Compliance to Employment Law*" by Ms Suraiya Ch'ng binti Abdullah, Department of Labour Peninsular Malaysia (JTKSM);
- "*Decent Housing Accommodation and Suitable Living Environment for Workers (Act 446)*" by Ms Suraiya Ch'ng binti Abdullah, Department of Labour Peninsular Malaysia (JTKSM);
- "*Sustainable Recognition in Compliance with Labour Standards to US – Challenges and Solutions*" by Mr. Khai Yau Chua, Responsible Business Alliance;
- "*Forced Labour Risk in the Global Supply Chain by Mr Daniel Wright*", Embassy of the United States.

Forthcoming MISIF Events

Webinar on Plumbing Material Options for 21st Century Water Systems

Date: 7 October 2020

Time: 10.00 am – 11.30 am

Presenters: Dr David Nicholas - Nickel Institute Consultant;
Principal of Nicholas Corrosion Pty Ltd.
Mr Kim Burton – Nickel Institute Consultant;
Burton Consulting Services

Clean Steel Technology

Date: 26 & 27 October 2020

Time: 9.00 am—5.30 pm daily

Trainer: Dr Sheikh Abdul Rezan
School of Materials & Mineral Sciences
Universiti Sains Malaysia

For further details, please call Norlian at 03-55133970.

MIDA Introduces Enhanced Online Module for Import Duty and/or Sales Tax Exemption Applications

MIDA, through its e-TRANS system launched an enhanced online module for import duty and/or sales tax exemption applications on 24 July 2020.

This enhanced JPC module could be accessed via <https://investmalaysia.mida.gov.my>.

Applications that could be submitted using the enhanced JPC Module were :

1. Application (new, extension, additional quantity, amendment and appeal) for import duty and/or sales tax exemption on machinery/equipment/raw materials/components for the following:
 - Import duty and/or sales tax exemption on machinery/equipment for selected activities in Agriculture Sector;
 - Import duty and/or sales tax machinery/equipment for Selected Services Sectors which include Research & Development (R&D), Private Higher Education Institution, Private Higher Training Institution (science, technical or vocational) and Tourism Project without accommodation;
 - Import duty and/or sales tax exemption on raw materials/components (other than HS Code 72 — 7316) for Manufacturing Sector;
 - Import duty and/or sales tax exemption on raw materials/components (Iron and Steel under HS Code 72 - 7316) for Manufacturing Sector.
2. Application for MIDA's confirmation letter or *Surat Pengesahan MIDA* (SPM) to claim import duty and/or sales tax exemption from the Royal Malaysian Customs Department on machinery/equipment/spare parts/prime movers/container trailers for the following:
 - Manufacturers in Principal Customs Area (PCA);
 - Companies Engaged in Hotel Business;
 - Haulage Operators;
 - Aerospace Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) Companies.

For further information and clarification, please contact Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) at 603 2267 3633 or email to investmalaysia@mida.gov.my.

Prior to the submission of import duty and/or sales tax exemption application, companies must register with uCustoms at <http://www.customs.gov.my/en/uc/Pages/registrationref.aspx> for the clearance of goods.

Please contact uCustoms Registration Officer at registration.uc@customs.gov.my for further details.

AD Investigation on Imports of Flat Rolled Product of Non-Alloy Steel Plated or Coated with Aluminium and Zinc

MITI in a statement informed that the Government of Malaysia has completed the preliminary determination of anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of flat rolled product of non-alloy steel plated or coated with aluminium and zinc (subject merchandise) originating or exported from the People's Republic of China (PRC), the Republic of Korea (ROK) and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Viet Nam), and found that there were sufficient evidences to continue with further investigation on the importation of subject merchandise from the alleged countries as provided under Section 23 of the Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Act 1993 (the Act).

The Government has also decided to impose a provisional measure, which shall be in the form of provisional anti-dumping duties guaranteed by a security equivalent to the amount of the dumping margins determined in the preliminary determination. Provisional antidumping duties ranging from 2.17% to 37.14% would be applied on imports of subject merchandise from the alleged countries and shall be effective not more than 120 days from 14 August 2020.

The investigation had been initiated in accordance with the Act and Countervailing and Anti-Dumping Duties Regulation 1994 on 17 March 2020 based on a petition filed by NS Bluescope (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (The Petitioner) on behalf of the domestic industry producing the like product. The Petitioner has claimed that imports of subject merchandise originating or exported from the alleged countries are being imported into Malaysia at a price lower than the selling price in their domestic market. The Petitioner claimed that this has caused material injury to the domestic industry in Malaysia.

A final determination would be made no later than 11 December 2020.

MITI encouraged interested parties, to contact the Trade Practices Section to access the non-confidential version of the report on the Preliminary Determination by submitting a written request and email to alltps@miti.gov.my.

Study for New Industrial Master Plan by MIGHT

MIGHT is currently working on the New Industrial Masterplan (NIMP) proposal for MITI. They conducted studies with various stakeholders in the industry to gain constructive feedback about issues, challenges, and practices for the proposal.

In this regard, MIGHT has invited MISIF to provide insights to their study under two scopes of the iron and steel industry, which were the Metal Sector and the Machinery & Equipment (M&E) Sector.

Metal Sector

The President of MISIF, Dato' Lim Hong Thye attended a discussion session on 21 August 2020, which was called by MSI and

Advertise Your Business with Us

MISIF has upgraded its website to keep pace with the changing social media trends and to provide easier access to contents in meeting the requirements of businesses today.

MISIF, being the collective and trusted voice of the steel industry, had been providing the platform and opportunity for companies to promote their business or highlight their new products via banner advertisements. Banners placed on our homepage allow web visitors to see a variety of products and services at any given time, thus grabbing the attention and increase brand awareness.

MISIF is confident that with daily postings and regular announcements, there will be substantial visitors and users to our homepage.

We are now offering companies the opportunity to promote your range of products through the posting of banner advertisement on our website for our own visitors. This banner advertisement will be hyperlinked to your own corporation's homepage whereby our visitors can browse through the portfolio of products and services which simultaneously will act as another form of virtual 24 hours promotion of your company.

For more information on how to advertise with us, please call the MISIF Secretariat at 03-55133970.

MIGHT. The discussion pertained to the apparent issues, trends and strategies with action plans of the iron and steel industry. The President, together with other stakeholders, deliberated the topics shared by MIGHT during the session and contributed their industry insights to assist them in the study of the NIMP for the metal sector.

Machinery & Equipment Sector

MISIF has attended two workshops with other relevant stakeholders such as SME Corp, MIDA, MIDF and MPC, which were on 20 July 2020 and 7 August 2020. During the brainstorming sessions, Mr Yeoh Cheng Chye, the Chairman of Machinery & Equipment Group, has propounded pertinent aspects about the roles of the iron and steel industry in galvanising the M&E sector. The proposal covered three vital parameters, which are Competitiveness, Capabilities and Connectedness of the study subject. MIGHT has taken the inputs into their study to prepare the paper. Among the salient outlines deliberated are:

- to identify industry trends in the industry value chain;
- to provide stakeholders with analysis in driving the M & E industry development;
- to identify the real deployment of 4IR cases at local industry;
- to determine the M & E industry outlook;
- to prioritise the potential areas of growth;
- to determine cross-industry collaboration.

All in all, MISIF resolved that the framework of the NIMP should in line with the White Paper, which the government expects to finalise it by the end of this year.