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PRESS STATEMENT
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No lockdown but to carry on work with stricter SOPs

Kuala Lumpur, 20 May 2021 – **Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM)** strongly express our view and standpoint that the construction industry do **NOT** want a full lockdown (as in MCO 1.0).

MBAM in a letter to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) dated 20 May 2021 have instead suggested for a stricter enforcement on the SOPs. We are definitely in a worrying state right now with the current situation of the COVID-19 outbreak. So, there is a need for stricter SOPs to be in place and the following are some suggestions:

1. NO full lockdown – be it nationwide or by state.
2. Stricter SOPs to reduce infection rate:
 - i. Restriction on mobility of people (i.e. number of person in a vehicle and travelling radius)
 - ii. Further tightening of social activities and temporary suspension of all physical activities at education institutions including pre-school/taska/tadika/day care centres etc and only allow virtual classes.
 - iii. Mandatory Work-From-Home (WFH) for companies that are able to
 - iv. Construction sites to continue operation with adherence to all SOPs but to minimise the transfer of workers especially in high infection rate area
 - v. Enforcement must be standard to all levels of people
3. Continue to roll out stimulus package such as extension of moratorium, financial assistance, wage subsidy programme, utilities subsidies, financing rates and etc to assist and provide financial aid to businesses affected by the pandemic.
4. Vaccination rates for the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme needs to be ramped up to achieve herd immunity.

MBAM represents over 1,000 direct members with a total outreach strength of close to 17,000 in the Malaysian construction industry and we cannot afford another full lockdown. It has been a hard struggle for the industry and our members. We hope that we would be able to revive faster for the greater good of the Malaysian construction industry.

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