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Construction industry in need of its supply chain for critical and essential construction works

Kuala Lumpur, 24 June 2021 – **Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM)** seeks the Government's immediate attention as the construction industry need its supply chain to continue with critical and essential construction works. Since the start of the Full Movement Control Order (FMCO), the supply chain has been disrupted.

Quarries were not allowed to operate, supply of building materials such as aggregates had decreased, and the few ready-mixed concrete batching plants allowed to operate cannot meet the supply of concrete to contractors.

The allowed critical construction works that are still in operation throughout this FMCO are facing low stock rate of supply chain. If this persists, this essential construction works will not be able to continue.

On 10 June 2021, the industry was informed that quarry operators were only allowed to supply building materials from their existing stockpile. Blasting and extraction are barred. Currently, the steel and cement players are only allowed 10% workforce idling doing maintenance works, with no production operations. The steel and cement players both are critical supply chain of the construction industry supplying steel and cement products to critical infrastructure projects like MRT, LRT3, ECRL and others.

With nearly one month stoppage of productions, the supply chain to the above critical projects and other various projects will be disrupted. Once the existing stocks of building materials are exhausted, ultimately the projects will be delayed or temporarily stopped due to non-supply of building materials. Therefore, MBAM strongly urges the Government to allow the construction industry supply chain to operate again.

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