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OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF STMICROELECTRONICS 132KV SUBSTATION PROJECT

MUAR, October 1, 2018 –

Minister of International Trade and Industry, YB Darell Leiking officially launched STMicroelectronics Sdn. Bhd.'s 132kV Substation Project today. The substation will provide the necessary power supply to meet the demand for additional floor space expansion by around 20% progressively over 5 years and assist in the effort to help create high value employment opportunities for Malaysians.

Malaysia and STMicroelectronics has formed a long standing partnership in the E&E industry since four decades ago. STMicroelectronics started off as one of the pioneer semiconductor multinational companies in Johor. Today, STMicroelectronics Muar is a key manufacturing plant for ST Micro's global assembly and test manufacturing. It is also the centre of excellence for development and manufacturing of automotive semiconductors with roughly 70% of the semiconductors produced in this plant dedicated to the automotive sector. ST Microelectronics Muar also produces a significant quantity of ST's award winning 32bit Microcontrollers.

"In the July 2018 trade performance of Malaysia, the export of E&E products was valued at RM34.5 billion, constituting 40.1% of total exports, and increased by 23.6% from July 2017. With such strong performance, I am confident that STMicroelectronics has made the right decision to expand further here, as Malaysia is the gateway to many ASEAN and global markets." said YB Darell Leiking.

YB Darell emphasised, "I am pleased that STMicroelectronics has invested significantly in Malaysia and provides employment to more than 4,400 people. STMicroelectronics' partnership with Universiti Teknikal Malaysia Melaka to establish the ST IoT Lab in the Faculty of Electronics and Electrical Engineering is a good example of public-private collaboration efforts that should be emulated. Through such initiatives, industry-ready talents can be developed to match the growing demand of the E&E players. Retraining and reskilling the current workforce will address the skills gap to meet the demand of higher value jobs in line with adoption of Industry 4.0."

The National Industry 4.0 Policy formulated by MITI together with various related Ministries, Agencies and the industry will be launched soon. The Government is continuously undertaking various efforts to assist industry players, especially SMEs, in embracing Industry 4.0 through automation and smart manufacturing. As business trends evolve with the rise of new and disruptive technologies, there is a



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need to transform and up-scale productions or risk losing out in capturing market opportunities. To remain competitive in an ever changing business landscape, companies are urged to be bold in marching towards Industry 4.0 and beyond.

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About MITI:

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry was established in April 1956 then was renamed as The Ministry of Trade and Industry in February 1972. On 27 October 1990, the Ministry was separated into two Ministries which are; Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and Ministry of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs (KPDN).

MITI is the key driver in making Malaysia the preferred destination for quality investments and enhancing the nation's rising status as a globally competitive trading nation. Its objectives and roles are oriented towards ensuring Malaysia's rapid economic development and help achieve the country's stated goal of becoming a developed nation by 2020 .

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