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**THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER WILL BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS,
UNTIL 12 MAY 2020**

Reference is made to the [Special Text Message](#) by YAB Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin, Prime Minister of Malaysia on 23 April 2020. Following are some highlights of the Text Message:

1. The Movement Control Order which is expected to end 28 April 2020 has been extended for another two weeks, that is, until 12 May 2020. There could be a possibility that the MCO will be extended further. Only companies that have received approval from MITI are allowed to operate during the MCO period.
2. The Ministry of Finance (MOF) and the Economic Planning Unit under the Prime Minister's Department will develop a comprehensive short-term, medium and long-term Economic Recovery Plan. The focus is to identify measures and initiatives that will stimulate short and medium-term economic growth, as well as encourage the confidence of the people and investors to revitalise the country's economy.

Among the initiatives that are being planned are capacity building and skills development of workers, promoting domestic spending, enhancing the resilience of industries, including SMEs and fostering a more positive investment environment for the future.

3. In view of the extension of the MCO, the government will consider allowing more sectors and other sub-sectors to operate, subject to stringent requirements such as employee safety, social distancing and workplace hygiene. This is to ensure that companies remain competitive and their employees can continue to work in a safe environment. Detailed guidelines and conditions will be given to investors and the corporate sector to enable them to start their operations.

Thank you.

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