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AMCHAM Members Rally to Bring it to the Frontline

KUALA LUMPUR, April 2 – The Electrical and Electronic (E&E) industry, including semiconductor manufacturers are rallying to provide immediate and much-needed supplies to those working on the frontline in all the efforts to stem the spread of COVID-19. Over the past week, companies from the American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) have come together with supplies from their inventory to provide immediate access to vital personal protective equipment (PPE) and more.

Spearheaded by the Chamber’s Malaysian-American Electronic Industry (MAEI) committee, AMCHAM member companies have provided in-kind donations, of N95 and surgical masks, nitrile gloves, full-body jumpsuits, thermometers/temperature scanners, laptops computers, and whiteboards. These have been delivered directly by the donating companies across the country to facilities including but not limited to Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah, Alor Setar, Penang General Hospital, Kuala Lumpur Hospital, and Hospital Queen Elizabeth in Sabah. Also receiving PPE was the Royal Malaysian Customs Department, Penang Southwest District Police Station.

“We redirected our Chamber’s CSR platform, MY AMCHAM CARES, immediately to address these urgent needs. Our Corporate Citizenship Committee, MAEI and the U.S. Embassy are all coming together to coordinate the various needs and match them with the donations,” said AMCHAM’s Chairman, Ramzi Toubassy.

“Over RM500,000 has also been raised to purchase COVID testing kits for University Malaya’s initiative in supporting public hospitals. Cash donations have also been coming in which will allow other critical equipment to be purchased and placed in needed areas,” added AMCHAM’s CEO, Siobhan Das.

Companies listed below stepped in to fill the immediate need in the early days of the MCO, even delivering from around Penang, Ipoh and Kuala Lumpur bottles of hand sanitizers and masks for the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) staff who have been working diligently to support the industry at this unprecedented times.

Solomon Lorthu, chairman of MY AMCHAM CARES: COVID-19 committee said, “It is in these critical times that our members pull together to ensure that not only are our employees protected and supported but the services that support their needs, are also helped. Our member companies have always put people first. “

He added that “the fight for COVID-19 in Malaysia started early for E&E companies; many of them have had in place the same preventative measures as their China facilities as early as January.”

Malaysia highly evolved E&E industry produces important high-quality components that feed a complex and delicate global supply chain. In order to support the worldwide demand for medical and communication needs amidst the COVID-19, these supply chain lines need to be kept strong and resilient so that we can all be a part of the COVID-19 solution. “We are so proud that companies in Malaysia, including our members, are part of this chain that is literally saving lives,” added Siobhan Das.

<i>AGCO GSI (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>MetLife Foundation</i>
<i>Analog Devices Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>Micron Foundation</i>
<i>Boston Scientific Medical Device (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>Motorola Solutions Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.</i>
<i>Celestica Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>NI MALAYSIA Sdn. Bhd.</i>
<i>Coca-Cola Far East Ltd.</i>	<i>Novartis Corporation (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd.</i>
<i>Dell Global Business Center Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>ON Semiconductor Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.</i>
<i>Entegris (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd</i>	<i>Plexus Manufacturing Sdn. Bhd.</i>
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<i>Flextronics Technology (Penang) Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>Seagate International (Johor) Sdn. Bhd.</i>
<i>Herbalife Products Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>Sensata Technologies Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.</i>
<i>Intel Technology Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>SMART Modular Technologies Sdn. Bhd.</i>
<i>ITW Meritex Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>Texas Instruments Malaysia</i>
<i>Jabil Circuit Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>TF AMD Microelectronics (Penang) Sdn. Bhd.</i>
<i>Johnson & Johnson Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>Western Digital Tech and Regional Center (M) Sdn. Bhd.</i>
<i>Keysight Technologies Sdn. Bhd.</i>	<i>Xylem Water Solutions Malaysia Sdn Bhd</i>
<i>Knowles Electronics (M) Sdn.Bhd.</i>	

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The American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) was founded in 1978 as an international, non-profit, private-sector business association. It comprises of more than 1000 members representing about 260 American, Malaysian and other international companies with strong ties to American business. The Chamber is a member of the AmChams of Asia Pacific.

ABOUT MY AMCHAM CARES

MY AMCHAM CARES is a core AMCHAM program that celebrates corporate citizenship of our member companies and promotes best practices across environmental, social and governance activities. It is a forum through which members can share achievements and experiences that are meaningful to them, and support one another on more technical aspects of implementing and governing these programs. Through MY AMCHAM CARES, the Chamber encourages members to reflect upon their existing programs and to consider how projects implemented at the local level can be strengthened and best contribute to national and global goals.

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