

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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AMCHAM applauds the Government's commitment towards ensuring business continuity and sustainability

KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 – The American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) welcomes today's statement from YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Senior Minister and Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI) which announced the decision by the National Security Council to allow all approved sectors to increase its operational capacity and to operate fully without time constraints according to their respective industry requirements.

We applaud the Government's firm commitment towards ensuring business continuity and sustainability in order to rebuild the Malaysian economy. This decision will enable SMEs in Malaysia to reignite and revive their businesses and regain lost ground.

Malaysia plays an integral role in the global supply chain whether it is American manufacturers operating in Malaysia which are supplying essential goods and services around the world, or local producers directly supplying U.S. companies around the globe. Our member companies are fully invested in Malaysia and are committed to stay in the fight to address the pandemic hand-in-hand with the Malaysian government, said Siobhan Das, CEO of AMCHAM.

There are still many sectors that need to be opened to support the new normal and a much more digitized world. We will continue to work together with the Government to incorporate both direct and ancillary services, many of which support the manufacturing sector. The service industry is equally important to the future of the country.

It is, however, imperative that health and safety protocols prescribed by the Ministry of Health (MOH) continue to be adhered to by all those approved. Our member companies are committed to adhere to all Government-set guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to combat this pandemic.



We share the Government's sentiment of putting public health first while balancing the nation's economy in order to protect the people's livelihood while ensuring the economy remains vibrant and sustainable. We are confident that continued, close engagement between the industries involved will support this campaign against COVID-19 and build a brighter future for the country.

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