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**PRESS STATEMENT  
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**KUALA LUMPUR, March 23** – The approval granted by the National Security Council (NSC) for continued operations within relevant manufacturing industries under the Movement Control Order will allow the electrical and electronic (E&E) and semi-conductor industries, critical sectors in Malaysia, to continue supporting the country's economy.

“Working with the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and other relevant authorities, the American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) and our dedicated committee, Malaysian American Electronics Industry (MAEI) have set in place comprehensive protocols and measures in the control of COVID-19 in relevant member facilities,” said MAEI chairman, Dato’ Seri Wong Siew Hai.

Member companies have put into action workforce measures that allow non-essential workers to work from home. For the essential workers running facilities at a minimum operational level, companies have also put into action strict health protocols, which are in line with the Ministry of Health (MOH) guidelines to ensure the safety of employees and customers. AMCHAM and its members fully support and will comply with any conditions set by the NSC, MITI, and MOH.

AMCHAM supports the measures undertaken by the Malaysian Government to limit the risk of exposure and infection of COVID-19 in the general population. The continuous action taken by the NSC, MOH, and MITI in engaging with industry to maintain a balance between public safety needs and maintaining Malaysia’s importance in the global supply chain should be lauded and reciprocated by the strict compliance to standards set by MOH by AMCHAM member companies.

AMCHAM’s executive director, Ms. Siobhan Das emphasized that “This effort of continuous engagement should continue as the government assesses the needs of this and other critical sectors and more importantly, how the private sector can play a collaborative role not only in limiting the spread of the virus but supporting frontline workers and the vulnerable .”

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