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CIDB MALAYSIA PARTNERS SANY CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT TO BUILD CAPACITY IN IBS

Partnership sees parties collaborating to share information and expertise in IBS technologies to spur IBS adoption in the construction industry

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 November 2018- CIDB IBS SdnBhd, a subsidiary of Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB), today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SANY Construction Industry Development (M) SdnBhd to build capacity in Industrialised Building System (IBS) in order to drive productivity in construction. This agreement is a significant step forward in IBS implementation in the construction industry, which is a key component of the Construction Industry Transformation Program 2016-2020 (CITP).

The partnership was sealed at TPC Kuala Lumpur, Bukit Kiara today, in the presence of Dato' Ir. Ahmad 'Asri Abdul Hamid, Chief Executive of CIDB Malaysia and Mr Mao Zhong Wu, the co-founder, Board of Director and Senior Vice President of SANY Group Co. Ltd. Signing on behalf of CIDB IBS is Datuk Ir Elias Ismail, its Deputy Chairman, while SANY was represented by Keade Wang, its General Manager of SANY. Rozaiman Hj Hassan, Chief Executive Officer of CIDB IBS and Chang Bar Kuei, Executive Director of SANY signed as witness for their respective organisations.

The collaboration encompasses strategic collaborations taken at key leverage points, including sharing of information and expertise regarding IBS that could add value to the construction industry, and collaborating to build capacity through skills trainings and apprenticeship programs, including upskilling and reskilling in IBS-related areas.

This is in line with the Productivity thrust of the CITP, which aims to introduce IBS into public and private developments as a game changer in raising the productivity and quality of the Malaysian construction industry. The government intends to drive scale of IBS adoption in development projects in the public and private sector, as well as develop the IBS supply chain to support its adoption.

“As IBS systems enable more accurate allocation of resources, construction projects will be able to be completed within a shorter period of time. This contributes to the improvement of overall cost-efficiency of a project as well as reduce its impact on the environment,” said Dato' Ir. Ahmad 'Asri Abdul Hamid, Chief Executive of CIDB.

“Through the efforts of the two parties, CIDB looks forward to seeing an increase in the number of IBS manufacturers, IBS installers and IBS contractors in Malaysia. We foresee that the synergy of purpose and intent between the two parties will further enable the larger CITP goal of building up the IBS ecosystem in Malaysia,” he continued.

The CITP was introduced by the Ministry of Works through CIDB as a comprehensive plan to uplift the construction sector into one that is modern, productive, sustainable, and on par with global standards of quality, safety and technology. It forms an important part of the 11th Malaysia Plan in making Malaysia an advanced and high-income nation by 2020, and addresses specific challenges within the construction industry.

One of the four strategic thrusts of the CITP is Productivity, where the adoption of IBS in construction is a key target for all public and private developments. As such, CIDB is working closely with all industry stakeholders to drive scale of IBS adoption in private and public sector projects, as well as to develop the IBS supply chain via economic mechanisms.

“This MoU formalises the cooperation between CIDB and SANY Construction collaboration, and marks another step forward towards achieving the goals of the CITP. One of the goals under the CITP’s third strategic thrust of Productivity is to

drive IBS adoption in both public and private sector projects and develop a robust IBS supply chain in the country,” said Dato' Ahmad 'Asri.

Since 2008, the government has mandated the use of IBS in government projects worth RM10 million and above to achieve a minimum IBS score of 70 while. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government mandated IBS adoption for private projects took effect on 10 January 2018 applicable to projects worth RM 50 million and above, with a minimum IBS score of 50 required.

“As such it is timely that CIDB rigorously pursue strategic collaboration in the area of IBS in order to strengthen the IBS ecosystem in the Malaysian construction industry,” he said.

The signing of the MoU is expected to increase the knowledge and expertise in IBS among manufacturers, installers and contractors in Malaysia, while simultaneously raising awareness about the advantages and benefits of IBS technology among industry players.

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