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**LAUNCH OF REPURPOSED CONCRETE AGGREGATES (RCA)
FACILITY**

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Good morning, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

I bring warm regards from Dato' Sri Michael Yeoh, who regrets that he is unable to be with us this morning due to official commitments abroad.

It is my honour to deliver his message on this important occasion. Dato' Sri has asked me to convey his sincere appreciation for your presence here today, and to reaffirm his strong support for the launch of this meaningful initiative.

Yang Berusaha Puan Zainora Zainal
Chief Executive of CIDB Malaysia,

Yang Berusaha Ir. M. Ramuseren
Chief Executive Officer of CREAM,

Members of CREAM Board of Trustees,

Representatives of government agencies

Top Management of YTL Cement and CREAM

Industry partners, members of the media,

Ladies and gentlemen,



I would like to express our sincere appreciation to CIDB Malaysia and CREAM for their continued partnership with YTL Cement Group. This collaboration has been instrumental in advancing our shared vision for a more sustainable construction industry in Malaysia.

One of the key milestones from this partnership is the establishment of the **Repurposed Concrete Aggregates (RCA) Facility**—a significant step forward in promoting circular construction and resource optimisation.

This facility is a direct outcome of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between CREAM and YTL Cement in 2023, which focuses on three strategic pillars:

- The development of skilled construction personnel
- Joint research and development
- The adoption of sustainable construction practices, including effective construction waste management

To that end, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Ministry of Works (KKR) for enabling us to establish this R&D pilot facility in the current premise.

Today's launch reflects our shared commitment to the MoU. The RCA Facility offers practical and sustainable solutions for managing fresh returned concrete.

But this is more than just a facility - it is a demonstration of what can be achieved when all parties collaborate and embrace innovative and creative efforts to solve real challenges within our industry.

Located here in Jalan Chan Sow Lin, the RCA Facility addresses a longstanding issue in construction: the handling of fresh returned concrete. Traditionally, this excess material from construction sites is difficult to dispose of and often ends up in landfills, contributing to environmental degradation and operational inefficiencies.



Our research indicates that the repurposed concrete aggregates produced here can replace up to 30% of natural aggregates in new concrete mixes. The R&D also shows that finer materials generated can also be reused for sub-base works and soil stabilisation.

Importantly, this facility helps shift the perception of fresh returned concrete from waste to a reusable and commercially viable material. It reduces pressure on natural resources, particularly quarries, and contributes to lowering the industry's overall carbon footprint, especially in urban areas.

This initiative underscores our commitment to supporting national efforts in sustainable development and aligns with the principles of a circular economy.

At YTL Cement, we believe that real progress stems from collaboration among stakeholders - ministries, agencies, industry bodies, and the private sector.

Beyond today's initiative, we also co-organise the Sustainable Construction Symposium with The Edge Malaysia, providing a platform for knowledge sharing and industry dialogue. Together with Sin Chew Daily, we launched the ECO Excellence Series to spotlight organisations and leaders making genuine strides in ESG practices.

We also work closely with professional bodies such as C&CA, IEM, PAM, MBAM, and MGBC - all of whom play a vital role in shaping Malaysia's built environment.

Our CDL Academy plays a key role in equipping professionals and students with knowledge and skills rooted in ESG principles. Since 2019, the Academy has contributed to over 90 training sessions, reaching more than 9,000 participants. These include university masterclasses designed to instill a strong foundation in sustainable construction.



In closing, I would like to thank everyone who made this project possible, especially Yang Berusaha Puan Zainora, for your continuous support and commitment.

YTL Cement remains committed to building a more resilient, low-carbon, and sustainable construction industry - together we can make it happen.

Thank you.

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