

ROHM-WAKO To Increase Production Capacity In RM910 Million New Kelantan Facility

KOTA BHARU, MALAYSIA, March 12, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- ROHM-Wako Electronics (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (RWEM), a major Japanese electronics maker, announced today that it is expanding its electronic components facility in Kelantan with a total investment of RM910 million. This investment is expected to create high-skilled jobs for over 340 Malaysians. It is the single biggest investment ever made by the company which uniquely positions Malaysia as a key hub for the semiconductor and automotive global value chains.

YB. Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Senior Minister and Minister of

International Trade and Industry (MITI), in response to the announcement said, "It is noteworthy that the establishment of the manufacturing facility in Malaysia is a strategic decision by Rohm-Wako Electronics to build long-term presence in the ASEAN region. Indeed, this vital expansion

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Honourable guests officiating the ROHM-Wako Electronics (M)'s Groundbreaking Ceremony.

Echoing the Senior Minister, Datuk Arham Abdul Rahman, the Chief Executive Director (CEO) of the [Malaysian Investment Development Authority](#) (MIDA) remarked: "MIDA looks forward to

welcoming other potential partners to leverage Malaysia's capability as a supply chain hub to serve the industrial needs of the global market. The company's expansion is poised to strengthen the country's position in the global value chains. It is also expected to promote high-skilled jobs and ensure that Malaysia's industries remain resilient and competitive."

"The expansion is vital for our company's continuous business and innovation growth, and with the Malaysian plant having skilled and reliable workforce, we are confident that we have made the right decision to continue investing in this country." said RWEM President, Mr. Hideki Hashimoto.

The new building, which will be constructed within the RWEM premise, will serve the purpose of responding to the strong demand for semiconductors and promoting multi-site production system of analog Large-Scale Integrations (LSIs) and transistors in line with the Business Continuity Management (BCM). The construction of the new building will ultimately increase the overall production capacity by approximately 1.5 times.

The construction of the new facility, which is expected to have a 3-story building with a total floor area of 29,580 square meters, is envisaged to begin in Q1 2022 and be completed in August 2023. The new building will be equipped with various energy-saving technologies to reduce the environmental impact, expected to reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 15%. This will eventually strengthen the BCM system by adopting various disaster-proof measures with up-to-date technologies.

The expansion will provide capacity for additional component of Wide Line Transistor and Gate Driver Integrated Circuit, mainly used for electric vehicles (EVs) and hybrid cars. These



YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali, Senior Minister and Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI) delivering his speech



YAB. Dato' Bentara Kanan Ustaz Dato' Haji Ahmad bin Yakob, Chief Minister of Kelantan Darul Naim delivering his speech

components will also apply to the company's existing production of discrete semiconductors such as diodes, light emitting diodes and laser diodes used in a wide arrange of electronic consumer products such as audio and video, TVs, laptops as well as mobile phones. This is in line with Malaysia's National Automotive Policy (NAP) 2020 which focuses on the development of new technologies in future mobility areas.

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