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PETALING JAYA: The Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) has returned to 22 pest control firms RM3,000 deposits which the High Court had deemed were collected illegally.

Its president Datuk Adnan Ikhsan said the council had been making the refunds since Thursday to abide by the court's Aug 12 decision to declare null and void the council's policy requiring all pest control firms in the municipality to be registered and for a RM3,000 deposit to be paid before firms could conduct business.

The application was brought by the Pest Control Association Malaysia (PCAM) and Stopest (M) Sdn Bhd, of which PCAM president Ang Tan Loong is founder.

Adnan told *theSun* last Thursday that of 43 firms registered with MPSJ, 22 paid the deposit when they registered last year. "We didn't collect the deposit from the 21 firms which registered with us this year," he said.

When contacted, Ang claimed that he had to threaten the council with contempt of court action before it agreed to honour the court ruling.

He said both parties agreed that Stopest would be registered on MPSJ's panel; there would not be a deposit and an occasional review of pest control rules and policy.

"We waited patiently for our firm to be reinstated into the panel as per the agreement but it did not happen and when I asked a councillor, he said he heard the legal adviser declare the court's order as unofficial," said Ang.

However, legal department director Anita Abdul Jalil refuted this: "I said no such thing. There must have been some miscommunication. Immediately upon the extraction of the judgment, I prepared the council to fulfil the order."

However, Ang who claimed his company was victimised for blowing the cover on the illegal pest control consortium said Stopest was last on the list. He said Stopest should be placed higher as it was the first to register, although it refused to pay the deposit.

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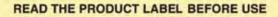
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Editor's Note

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DOSH Officers visit & audit in Pest Control Operator's (PCO) Premise

Of late the Association understands from its members that DOSH Officers have been to their premise for audit. There were many requirements and compliance from DOSH officers. The more prevalent requirement to be observed by PCO is the USECHNN 2000 (Use & Standard of Exposure of Chemicals Hazardous to Health Regulations). Pesticides is listed as chemicals hazardous to health under this Section.

As such, the Chemical Hazard Risk Assessment (CHRA) is to be carried out by a DOSH Registered Assessor. However, If the fees for each chemical is, say, RM800, and if you are using 30 types of chemicals, then one has to spend RM24,000 for the DOSH Assessor.

CHRA may be a required law under OSHA. However, from our experiences, CHRA is more appropriate for the factory environment where workers are exposed to chemicals throughout the work day. In the case of the pest control operations, seldom are there workers doing fogging or chemicals spraying 8 hours a day, 6 days a week. Furthermore, almost all the residue spraying methodologies involved water diluted chemicals which will be evaporated after awhile.

Most of our members who were visited by DOSH officer raised the above concern to the Association.

On 23 Dec.2009, a dialogue between PCAM & DOSH was arranged. Here is an extract of our President's reply to the Director General, DOSH after the meeting.

"As an association responsible and committed to the betterment of our pest control industry and whilst endeavoring to co-operate with all relevant authorities, we would wish to implore and appeal to your good office to consider :-

1) Permitting us to comply with generic CHRA instead of each individual pest control company adhering to the above regulations. The main reason is that more than 90 % of our members are Small and

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medium Enterprises (SMEs) and the cost of assessment for all the chemicals will be detrimental to our survival. Furthermore, most if not all of us apply similar pesticides and the methods or standard of Operations are as defined vividly by the label, registered and approved by the Pesticides Board of Malaysia.

2) Delaying the implementation of USECHH Regulations, 2000 to our members as some of us had already been issued with compliance orders and summons from the various state enforcers of DOSH and extending the timeframe for us to comply.

With due and sincere respect to you, Dato Ir Dr Johari we shall await your prudent advice and without denial, your regulations stipulated under OSHA 1994 are in effect beneficial to the safety and protection of all parties directly and indirectly involved and we shall attempt our utmost desire to abide truthfully without prejudice."

Please feedback to PCAM info@pcam.com.my if your company faces DOSH Officers who press on compliance of the USECHH 2000 REGULATIONS.

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The Pest Control Association of Malaysia Executive Committee 2009-2011



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4th Pest Summit Convention & Exhibition on Pest Management

Date: 12,13,14 October 2010 (Tues,Wed, & Thurs) Place: Bali Island, Indonesia.

http://pestsummit2010bali.com/welcome/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=46<emid=53

- 1. The Organiser, The Indonesian Pest Control Association has confirmed the above dates. Please book it in your calendar and those who want a budget flight as low as RM400 per pax should on-line with AirAsia. http://goholiday.airasia.com/GQ_availability.aspx?pageindex=2&out=0&in=2
- 2. The Co-Organisers as always, are the Pest Associations from Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand & Philippines.
- 3. At the last Pest Summit in Bangkok (13-15 August,2008), our PCAM organising Committe spearheaded by Ang Tan Loong (Appointed VIP Advisor) with Johnny Ooi, Wahid Udin, Chong Yee Seng & Rajan recruited over 150 participants from Malaysia.
- 4. The Singapore Pest Association has plans to recruit 100 pax as mentioned in their April 2009 newsletter.
- 5. PCAM Exco believes that we can do better and the Bali target is estimated to be at least 150 pax and above, right Members?
- 6. Make it as a holiday cum summit and bring your family and friends along as part of the networking, fellowship or a treat/reward to your faithful clients/customers/supporters as the Summit in Bali will be fun and exciting. The Indonesian Pest Control Association have planned an array of activities for this big event in Indonesia and the Exco believes that our Indonesia counterpart can do it after feedbacks from the Organiser's meetings.
- 7. With our victory on the court declaration over the MPSJ on the Pest Consortium Issue, (see our front page "MPSJ refunds PCOs")the more we need to foster greaty unity among members. This is a golden opportunity to travel & celebrate together with the rest of our brethrens in our Pest Control Industry. The PCAM Exco are sure that the promotion of this Pest Summit will spill over to rest of the Pest Control World like China, India, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Vietnam, Australia, Europe & America etc. When they participated in our PCAM /AIB seminal in Kuala Lumpur, May 2007.

8. So, MEMBERS, do your part by spreading the good news of this Summit not only to your friends and relatives but to your clients/customers and associates (local & overseas) to share and experience this auspicious Summit together like one big family such as our Prime Minister proclaims "One Malaysia!!"

So, Members, are we doing it right together? Take action and book the air ticket and hotel early to avoid disappointment & lower cost.

PCAM will update you on the Seminar fees once we negotiate with the Organiser the concession fees for our members. Cheers !!!

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PCAM 15TH AGM REPORT (12 December' 09)

Meeting was called to order by the President at about 10.30 a.m.

Opening Address by President

The President officiated the meeting with a brief welcome speech to all the members who had attended the PCAM's 15th Annual General Meeting.

The President checked with the Secretariat if there was enough quorum to proceed the meeting and the Secretariat confirmed that there was sufficient quorum to resume the 15th Annual General Meeting (which was adjourned on 29 April 2009) as per the attendance list and the proxy list signed by the members.

Members attended : 20 members Proxies : 25 submitted Total: 45

The President then, invited the Secretary, Mr Edward Gana to go through the minutes of the last AGM dated 25 April 2009 which was adjourned due to non-adoption of the PCAM Annual Accounts.

Review of the 15th Annual General Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting which was held at PCAM Lecture Room on 25 April 2009 was tabled by the Secretary for the review.

Treasurer's report

Amendment: Raymond Lee mentioned that

6.1: "The Treasurer's report was not adopted due to the accounts not prepared properly by the Accountant, Diyana." should be 6.1: The basis of rejection of the adoption of the PCAM Annual Accounts was due to explanations provided by the Exco which was not acceptable to the members.

The minutes of the 25 April 2009 was then adopted. **Proposer:** Tan Keng Hock, Malaysian Pest Control **Seconder:** Raymond Chan, Betaray Cekap

Treasurer's Report

Raymond Lee raised issues on the preparation of the accounts comparing the previous accounts with the revised accounts even though the revised accounts was done independently by the Chartered Accountants, YL Tan Professional Services Sdn Bhd

He was still not pleased with the accounts done independently as he claimed that some of the accounting treatment did not reflect an accurate view of the accounts.

The accountant who prepared that accounts was not present. The President called the accountant to attend the meeting. The floor adjourned for lunch while waiting for the accountant to come.

After lunch, the AGM resumed and the Accountant was present to answer some of Raymond's Lee queries. One of the issues was there were no Management Report. The accountant said that there was no necessity as she was resuming the Accounting job left over by the previous Accountant. Another issue raised was that there should be consistency in the accounting treatment of the entries which the Exco promised to adhere to in future.

After some deliberations and exchanges of opinions between the Accountant, the Exco and Raymond Lee , the accounts were finally adopted.

Proposer: Anuar Ahmad: Bustaniaga Sdn Bhd. **Seconder:** Kelly Tong: Sanicare Hygiene Sdn Bhd.

Appointment of Paid Auditors

The Treasurer received 2 quotations 1. Soong & Co.

Audit fees - RM1,500 pa Tax fees - RM800 pa

2. LBP Management Audit fees - RM1,500 pa Tax fees - RM700 pa Accounting fees: RM3,900 pa

The Members proposed to give the Audit, Tax & Accounting service to LBP Management for 2009

Proposer : Wahid Udin, Excel Fumigation **Seconder :** Tan Keng Hock, Malaysian Pest Control

Election of PCAM Office bearers 2009-2011

Lim Fung Woei, the Returning Officer read out the nominees for the new EXCO team line-up of the President's team as there were no contest for all the post.

Some of the new faces nominated to the new Exco team are as follows:-

- 1. Anuar Ahmad of Bustaniaga
- 2. Carron Lee of UMC Pest Control Services
- 3. Jeffery Yeap of DC Hygiene
- 4. Wilson Gan of Rentokil
- 5. Yoong Seng Foo of Anitpest
- 6. Richard Ng of NLC General Pest Control

Raymond Lee raised the issue why those selected did not show commitment as they were not present in the AGM. The floor members and Exco argued that should not be the criteria to measure as they may not be available in the AGM does not necessarily mean they would not serve the members well at all.

The President thanked the members for their undivided support and gave a pledge that his team and himself will continue to do the utmost best for the members in the interest of the Pest Control and Fumigation Industry.

Proposer : Tan Keng Hock, Malaysian Pest Control **Seconder :** Raymond Chan, Betaray

Other Matters

OSHA. Of late, the DOSH Officers have been knocking at the doors of our members and there were many issues which some of the members felt was unclear, ambiguious, and doubtful with regards to the laws/regulations and practices governing the DOSH/OSHA Act.

PCAM have written to DOSH,Putrajay with the concern. The Assistant Director General have replied and willing to have a meeting with PCAM on this matter on 23 December 2009 at Putrajaya.

A Committee was formed to represent PCAM on this matter.

Chairman: Ang Tan Loong 2 Associate Members: 1.Lim Fung Woi (BASF) 2.Fong Kim Hong (Foggers) 2 Active Members: 1.Leong (Systempest) 2.Carron Lee (UMC Svc Master)

The Committee may have to meet first before meeting the Putrajaya Personnel on this issue.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4pm with a word of thanks from the President.

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