

Seaport Terminal signs four MOU

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TANJUNG PELEPAS: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday witnessed the signing of four Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) involving Seaport Terminal (Johor) Sdn Bhd and its related companies to establish Johor as a distribution and transportation hub.

Also present was Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and Tenaga Nasional Bhd chairman Datuk Dr

Jamaludin Mohd Jarjis.

The first MOU, between the Johor government and Seaport Terminal, involves the development of 1,608ha at Mukim Serkat in Pontian for the petrochemical industry, power plant and bunkering facility.

The state government has agreed to provide the land for the project which will be developed in several phases.

An implementation agreement was also signed between SKS

Ventures Sdn Bhd and Tenaga for the establishment of a 2,100MW coal-fired power plant in Tanjung Bin.

The power plant which was originally planned to be built at Pulau Bunting in Kedah was relocated to Tanjung Bin due to its proximity to the national grid supply network that eases fuel transport and lowers cost construction.

A supplementary agreement was also signed involving the asset sale of Kapar Power Station

between Tenaga and Malakoff Bhd on the revision of tariff rates.

The final agreement of an RM800 million investment was signed between Senai Airport Terminal Services and Hochtief Airport of Germany, appointing the latter as a planner and development partner for the proposed establishment of Johor as a transportation and distribution hub.

The contract includes the creation of a complete development and operational strategy for inte-

grated multi-freight operations linking Senai airport with Pasir Gudang and PTP seaports including freight operations at KLIA.

It also includes the construction of major freight facilities, road and rail connections and operation of a world-class air freight facility to attract international freight and express operators to Johor Baru.

The hub, targeted to be operational in 2006, will also increase airfreight at Senai.