

**No Sand Mining Contracts Awarded To Double Dignity, Says Two Pakatan Assemblymen**  
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SHAH ALAM, March 5 (Bernama) -- Two Selangor Pakatan Rakyat assemblymen today reiterated that Double Dignity (M) Sdn Bhd, a company which they once served as directors, did not secure any contract to undertake sand mining in the state from Kumpulan Semesta Sdn Bhd (KSSB), a subsidiary of the Selangor government and a sand-mining concession holder.

Seri Muda assemblyman Shuhaimi Shafiei and Batu Caves assemblyman Amiruddin Shari revealed this on the first day of the public inquiry conducted by the Selangor Select Committee on Competency, Accountability and Transparency (Selcat) on the matter, today.

Shuhaimi said it was impossible for Double Dignity to get any sand mining contract because it was not registered with KSSB.

"I have never helped any company including Double Dignity to secure a contract from KSSB as the nature of business is different, more so the company is not registered with KSSB," he said, adding that he had submitted his resignation letter as Double Dignity's director in 2010.

"As such, the allegation of the blogger concerned (blogger-in-exile Raja Petra Kamarudin) that Double Dignity had applied to mine sand was a planned accusation to give a bad image to the Selangor government and all the Pakatan assemblymen," he said.

The Parti Keadilan Rakyat assemblyman said he was not involved in the operation of Double Dignity, but was merely in charge of ensuring the company followed the guidelines set by the state government.

He also stressed that he did not issue support letters to any party for obtaining sand mining contracts.

"I have never helped any company to obtain sand mining contracts. Any company interested in getting such contracts would have to go through the normal tender process and that was beyond my power.

"The KSSB general manager and CEO are involved in the tender process," he said.

Shuhaimi said Double Dignity had no reason to submit an application to KSSB as the company was involved in the plantation sector, not sand mining.

Amirudin, who had served as a director of Double Dignity from September 2009 to August last year, also said that there were no dealings made by him with KSSB to secure sand mining contracts for his company during his tenure as director.

"I did not even know who the board of directors were during that time," said the assemblyman from PAS.

KSSB chief executive officer, Ir. Wan Ab Halim Wan Ismail, who was the third witness called

during the hearing, confirmed that no sand mining contract was awarded to Double Dignity as alleged.

He also clarified that the services of four of the KSSB staff were terminated due to disciplinary problems into which domestic inquiries were conducted.

Wan Ab Halim also said that the reports of alleged sand theft occurred outside KSSB-controlled areas and were not under its purview.

The Selcat inquiry continues tomorrow.

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