

**Lynas Corp says 'disappointed' Guan Eng will not meet CEO**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, March 13 — Lynas Corp said today it is disappointed that Lim Guan Eng has turned down an invitation to meet the company's CEO Nick Curtis when the Penang chief minister visits Australia on March 23.

In a statement to Bernama, Lynas Corp said the invitation would be kept open and the company welcomed the opportunity to help Lim understand its investment in the rare earth plant in Gebeng, Kuantan.

Lynas Corp emailed Lim last Monday to propose a meeting to "brief and provide an update" on the Lynas plant.

Lim had refused to accept the invitation until he had consulted anti-Lynas groups.

He added that his personal preference was not to meet Curtis but for Curtis to meet anti-Lynas groups in Malaysia.

Lee Chin Chen, a Himpunan Hijau committee member, said last Tuesday that the anti-Lynas group would discuss the matter.

Himpunan Hijau has yet to publicly reveal their decision with regard to the email invitation.

Thousands of anti-Lynas protestors attended an opposition-backed mass rally organised by Himpunan Hijau last month in the single largest protest yet against the rare earth refinery that is expected to fire up operations later this year.

Critics of the Lynas refinery want the government to halt its construction and direct the Atomic Energy Licensing Board (AELB) to reverse a decision that grants Lynas a temporary operating licence (TOL), which will let it embark on a two-year trial run.

They allege that the Australian miner has not given enough assurances on how it will handle the low-level radioactive waste that will be produced at the refinery.

The government has been under pressure from groups to shut down the rare earth project over safety fears. But Putrajaya has stood its ground on the project that was first earmarked for Terengganu.

The company has maintained that waste from its planned rare earth refinery in Gebeng will not be hazardous, and that the radioactive residue can be recycled for "commercial applications".

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