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MBSB GROUP CREATES LARGEST BUSINESS MATCHING PLATFORM FOR SMES

Kuala Lumpur, 30 September 2025 – MBSB Group is accelerating the growth of Malaysia's SME sector by creating one of the country's largest direct engagement platforms between vendors and government-linked companies (GLCs). The MBSB Group Anchor Companies Open Day & Vendor Business Matching Sessions, held at Sime Darby Convention Centre, connected over 400 SMEs and vendors with 20 major Anchor Companies, positioning the event as a landmark in strengthening Malaysia's supply chain ecosystem.

Officiated by YB Senator Tengku Datuk Seri Utama Zafrul Aziz, Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI), the initiative reflects MBSB's commitment to building stronger linkages between local businesses and leading corporations such as Malaysia Airlines, PERODUA, PROTON, PLUS Malaysia, Tenaga Nasional Berhad, Sime Darby Property, UEM Group subsidiaries, Duopharma Biotech, and UMW Corporation.

The event gave SMEs a dedicated platform to showcase their capabilities, pitch their products and services, and be considered as potential new vendors. By fostering direct conversations, SMEs gained real opportunities to be integrated into the supply chains of Malaysia's largest companies, creating pathways for long-term growth.

"This is also an opportunity to take capacity and capabilities to the next level. Anchors bring standards, predictability, and volume. Vendors bring speed, technical expertise, ingenuity, and talent. When those strengths work in rhythm, value is created and more importantly, retained here in Malaysia. That's how we build supply-chain resilience, and compound national capability." said Dato' Wan Kamaruzaman Wan Ahmad, Chairman of MBSB.

The event also saw the launch of MIDF's Global Market Access Accelerator (GLOMAX), officiated by MITI's Minister. With RM100 million in financing allocated, GLOMAX is designed to prepare and propel at least 50 SMEs and mid-tier companies (MTCs) into international markets.

Unlike trade promotion initiatives that focus on market facilitation, GLOMAX directly enhances SMEs' financing readiness—ensuring that when Malaysian businesses expand

abroad, they do so in a structured, well-capitalised, and sustainable manner. SMEs will also benefit from advisory support and collaborative efforts with key ecosystem enablers, including MATRADE, SME Corporation Malaysia, Malaysian Technology Development Corporation (MTDC), Malaysia Design Development Centre (DDEC), and international market linkers.

Beyond financing and vendor matching, SMEs had access to forums, pocket talks, and exhibitions on vital topics such as vendor qualification, financing assistance, ESG adoption, and success stories. These sessions provided not only technical insights but also practical knowledge SMEs can use immediately to strengthen their competitiveness.

By leveraging fully Shariah-compliant banking services through MBSB Bank and MIDF, MBSB positions itself as the premier financial institution championing vendor–anchor collaboration. This unique positioning ensures SMEs have not just opportunities for partnerships but also tailored financial solutions to fuel their expansion in both local and international markets.

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