

## PRESS METAL SECURES MORE POWER FOR CAPACITY EXPANSION

**31 July 2019, Kuala Lumpur** – Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad (PMETAL-8869), the largest aluminium producer in South East Asia has entered into a power purchase agreement (“PPA”) with Syarikat SESCO Berhad (“SESCO”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sarawak Energy Berhad. The PPA signed today provides long-term access of up to approximately 500MW of electricity for a fifteen (15) years period with 300MW to commence first drawdown by October 2020 and the balance 200MW to be made available on a reasonable endeavour basis by SESCO.

With this, Press Metal plans to construct a proposed third aluminium smelter in Samalaju Industrial Park, Sarawak, which will potentially increase its total smelting capacity up to 1,080,000 tonnes per annum upon full power drawdown, from the current 760,000 tonnes per annum. This will further enhance Press Metal’s position as the region’s largest integrated aluminium producer and a key global player in this industry.

Commenting on the power allocation and proposed expansion, Tan Sri Dato’ Paul Koon expressed, “We are grateful for the opportunity to increase our participation into the Sarawak Corridor for Renewable Energy (“SCORE”). With this, we will commence construction of the third smelter on our existing landbank at Samalaju Industrial Park, which will share common facilities with two of our other existing phases. We anticipate to contribute to the State economically and socially by creating more local employment opportunities.

We have a proven track record of commissioning our smelters on schedule and we are confident of repeating this for our new smelter. The total investment cost of the project will be roughly similar to our previous phases and we may tap into the debt market to fund our expansion.

Aluminium being the emerging metal of choice with its green characteristics has the potential to further replace traditional materials. The long-term prospects are promising as we foresee wider applications across multiple industries. As such, we expect the expansion to contribute positively to our future earnings.”

### About Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad

Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad is a Malaysian-based aluminium company with an extensive global presence. From a modest beginning as a privately-owned local aluminium extrusion company in 1986, it has grown into a globally integrated aluminium corporation. With a smelting capacity of 760,000 tonnes and an extrusion capacity of 210,000 tonnes per annum, Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Berhad is the largest integrated aluminium producer in South East Asia.

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