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Carlsberg Malaysia to Reach 100% Vaccination Goal

Brewer secures 600 vaccinations via Selvax for employees and contractors as part of health & safety measures

SHAH ALAM, 16 July 2021 – Heeding the call for COVID-19 herd immunity as a viable step towards national economic recovery, Carlsberg Malaysia has fully sponsored vaccinations for 600 employees and third-party vendors towards its goal of having 100% of its on-site workforce fully vaccinated by the end of July or early August, providing a safe workplace in preparation for reopening when permitted.

Under the Selangor Vaccine Programme (Selvax), the brewer's Klang Valley-based employees and contractors received their first Sinovac dose at Tropicana Gardens Mall in Petaling Jaya last Friday (9 July). This batch of vaccine recipients included all personnel involved in brewing, production and logistics at the company's Shah Alam headquarters who will also receive their second dose on 30 July after the recommended 21-day interval, thus completing their vaccination course.

Working with its vaccination provider Selgate Health Sdn Bhd (SelCare), the brewer is also arranging for the rest of its employees throughout Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak to receive their vaccinations at local clinics nationwide starting this month.

Boosted by the company's vaccination drive, 99% of Carlsberg Malaysia's employees nationwide are already in line for appointments or have had their first vaccine doses at the minimum via the National COVID-19 Immunisation Programme (PICK) and Selvax programmes.

Stefano Clini, Managing Director of Carlsberg Malaysia, commented, "Carlsberg Malaysia has been in full compliance with the suspension of production operations since the Full Movement Control Order commenced in June. Our sponsorship and enrolment of employees and contractors to be fully vaccinated by 31 July is a definitive step towards the reopening of our brewery when permitted, focusing on employees essential for normal factory operations and those who have yet to receive vaccination appointments under PICK."

"In our shared fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, we have committed to lead with care and have put the safety of our people and our immediate communities as our highest priority, which in turn affirms our ongoing commitments to product integrity, safe workplaces, and operational readiness to reopen as soon as practically possible. Our strict adherence to health and safety protocols and pandemic countermeasures at the brewery have resulted in zero workplace clusters since the start of the pandemic in March 2020," added Clini.

As brewing is regulated by the Malaysia Food Act 1983, the company is currently appealing for the removal of breweries from the negative list in the National Security Council's pandemic control SOPs and inclusion within the Food & Beverages sub-sector's positive list under manufacturing sectors allowed to operate when Phase 2 of the National Recovery Plan begins.

According to members of the Confederation of Malaysian Brewers Berhad (CMBB), the brewing industry contributed more than RM2 billion in direct and indirect taxes during the 2020 financial year. Tax contributions fell by RM420 million in 2020 compared to 2019 – a drop of 17% – which stands to decrease further in 2021 with prolonged lockdowns. This does not yet account for the losses in revenue or tax contributions by around 35,000 Malaysian businesses which rely on beer as a source of income, according to CMBB estimates.

Clini commented, "We fear that a prolonged suspension will lead to an inevitable shortage for domestic markets and embolden illicit alcohol trade, posing a public health risk from unregulated contraband. As an international brand with a long history in Malaysia, we are also concerned that the ongoing disruption to our export sales could jeopardise national revenue and our competitiveness as an export production hub, especially if our export customers permanently switch to sourcing from neighbouring markets."

According to CMBB, brewing is a highly automated process with a low number of on-site personnel during each shift, translating to significantly reduced risks of infection transmissions. Carlsberg Malaysia has an average workplace density of 200 square meters per employee per shift at its brewery.

Since the start of the pandemic, Carlsberg Malaysia has taken further measures beyond the National Security Council's SOPs to prevent workplace infections including performing more than 6,000 swab tests on employees, visitors and contractors at the brewery, installing hand sanitiser and handwashing stations with one at minimum for every 20 employees, daily uniform washing and upgraded locker rooms with showers to reduce the risk of pathogen transmissions via body surfaces and clothing, and introducing controlled people movement flows and zoning within the brewery.

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马来西亚 Carlsberg 集团即将达成 100% 疫苗接种目标 酒商通过 Selvax 计划为 600 位员工和承包商进行疫苗接种，做好准备重新运作

莎亚南 16 日讯) 群体免疫是迈入国家经济复苏的关键步骤，马来西亚 Carlsberg 集团大力响应这一呼吁，为其 600 位员工和第三方供应商全面赞助了疫苗接种，以实现 7 月底或 8 月初达成 100% 职场员工全剂量疫苗接种的目标，打造安全的工作环境，准备在获得批准后重新运作。

在雪州冠病疫苗接种计划 (Selvax) 下，该酒商的巴生谷员工和承包商于上周五 (7 月 9 日) 在八打灵再也丽阳名捷城广场 (Tropicana Gardens Mall) 接种了第一剂科兴疫苗 (Sinovac)。这批疫苗接种者包括了在该公司莎亚南总部负责酿造、生产和物流的员工，而他们也将于 7 月 30 日接种第二剂疫苗，也就是相隔 21 天的建议指南，从而完成全剂量疫苗接种。

该酒商也将与疫苗接种服务提供者 Selgate Health Sdn Bhd (SelCare) 合作，安排从这个月起为其大马半岛、沙巴及砂拉越剩下的员工在全国各地诊疗所接种疫苗。

受到该公司疫苗接种计划的鼓励，高达 99% 的马来西亚 Carlsberg 集团员工通过国家疫苗接种计划 (PICK) 和 Selvax 计划接获了疫苗预约，或至少接种了第一剂疫苗。

马来西亚 Carlsberg 集团董事经理葛利尼 (Stefano Clini) 表示：“自 6 月落实的全面行管令以来，马来西亚 Carlsberg 集团严格遵守了暂停酒厂运作的指令。我们为员工和承包商赞助和注册在 7 月 31 日前接种疫苗是迈入酒厂获得批准重新运作的关键步骤，并注重酒厂正常运作的有关员工，以及还未接获疫苗接种预约的员工。”

葛利尼补充：“在齐心抗疫的过程中，我们承诺谨慎领导，并高度注重我们的员工和附近社区的安全，这也反映了我们对产品完整性、职场安全、尽早恢复运作所秉持的承诺。自 2020 年 3 月疫情爆发以来，我们严格遵守了酒厂的健康与安全措施及防疫指南，成功防止职场感染群爆发。”

酒业受 1983 年马来西亚食品法令监管，该公司正在要求酒厂从国安会防疫管控标准作业程序的负面清单中去除，并将该行业列入饮食子行业的正面清单，在国家复苏计划第二阶段开跑时成为被允许运作的制造业。

根据马来西亚酒商联合会 (CMBB) 的会员，啤酒业在 2020 财年贡献了超过 20 亿令吉的直接和间接税。相比 2019 年，酒业税收贡献在 2020 年降了 4.2 亿令吉，相等于 17%，料在 2021 年因封锁延长进一步下滑。根据该会估计，这还不包括大约 35,000 家依靠啤酒作为收入来源的马来西亚企业的收入或税收损失。

葛利尼指出：“我们恐怕长期无法运作会导致本地市场供应短缺，助长私酒盛行，而不受管制的违禁品也会带来公共卫生风险。作为一个在马来西亚历史悠久的国际品牌，我们也担心本公司的出口销量中断可能会影响国家收入，以及马来西亚作为制造业枢纽的竞争力，而我们的出口客户若大量转向邻国采购将使情况加剧。”

根据马来西亚酒商联合会，酿酒过程高度自动化，每轮班的在场员工数量极少，这也代表病毒传染风险能大幅减低。马来西亚 Carlsberg 集团酒厂的平均职场密度为每轮班每员工 200 平方米。

自新冠疫情爆发以来，马来西亚 Carlsberg 集团采取比国会设下的标准作业程序更进一步的措施防止职场感染群爆发，包括在酒厂为员工、访客和承包商做了超过 6 千次病毒筛检，为每 20 位员工的范围中增设至少一个洗手液装置和洗手处，提供每日制服清洗、升级含有淋浴的更衣室以减少病原体通过体表和衣物传播的风险，以及在酒厂内设定人员流动管制和分区。

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