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## Inspect and maintain wiring for safety

WITH reference to the recent fire outbreaks in Hospital Sultanah Aminah in Johor Baru, the Malaysian Cable Manufacturers Association wishes to express its deepest condolences to the families of the deceased.

We wish to offer our views and statements in relation to such untoward incidents:

1. It is highly recommended that periodical inspections and maintenance are conducted on all electrical wiring in public buildings or domestic dwellings, especially for older installations.

2. Wires and cables do have a "life span" and their effectiveness and performance shall depend on the work load and proper maintenance.

3. We recommend that all internal wiring and installation within public buildings and dwellings be upgraded to the latest cables and housing wires technology which are better equipped to prevent instances of hazardous smoke inhalation and toxic suffocation, for example: Low Smoke Zero

Halogen and/or Low Smoke Low Halogen technology for cable and wire insulation materials.

4. We encourage the use of duly certified cables and wiring under the International Standards (IEC) or Malaysian Standards (MS) with proven track records which are successfully tested by local authorities.

5. All current members of the association are well governed by the authorised authorities such as Energy Commission (EC), Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), SIRIM, Department of Standards (DSM), Bomba, JKR and local utilities companies.

The association is willing to offer its expertise to educate and support any efforts to improve the cables and wires industry in the interest of public safety and health.

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