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To All Corporate Members of
The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (Penang Branch)

BEM Approved
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of Corporate Members will be held as follows:

Date : **18 October 2025 (Sat)**
Time : **10:30am**
Venue : **IEM Penang Secretariat Office, E-Gate, Penang.**
Method : **Hybrid (Physical and Online)**

AGENDA

To vote on a resolution that

"The vote to abolish the Branch Distinguished Engineer Award during the AGM held on 8-March-2025 will NOT take effect".

Remarks:

A vote of YES means to continue with the Branch Distinguished Engineer Award.

A vote of NO means to abolish the Branch Distinguished Engineer Award.

BACKGROUND OF THE MATTER:

Distinguished Engineer (DE) Award

The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (Penang Branch) started the Distinguished Engineer Award in 2008. The ultimate objective of this award is to compliment and value the great contributions made by the individual engineer in various field of works throughout their engineering career. The Distinguished Engineer's contributions are not only confined to the state's and nation's developments but has also raised the social status of the engineering fraternity and influence the future generation's perception on engineering as a career of choice. The Distinguished Engineer is an individual recognised for exceptional contributions to engineering, impacting state and national development through technical excellence, professional leadership, and advancements that strengthen and progress the engineering field.

Motions raised in the last Branch AGM

During the Branch AGM held on 8-March-2025, Ir. Chin Too Hong raised a matter during Matters Arising, noting that the number of Corporate Members in IEM Penang is too small a number to select a qualified DE, which in fact should have been carried out by IEM HQ in order to be properly meaningful. With the main concern being that IEM Penang Branch is too small number to continue offering Distinguished Engineer Award to the members, he recommended that the practice be abolished. (The Branch Committee did not receive notice of the matter or any motion regarding the matter prior to the AGM). After some discussion of the matter at the AGM, the following two motions were raised.

1. To abolish the Distinguished Engineer (DE) Award.
2. Branch submits a recommendation to IEM HQ for the Distinguished Member (DM) award, subject to its availability.

A question was raised at this point in the AGM on whether the decision on Motion 1 and Motion 2 should be addressed during the said AGM or deferred to a Special General Meeting (SGM). The question was put to a vote and the majority of the members at the meeting voted to address the motions at the AGM instead of an SGM. As a result of this, the two motions were duly put to a vote at the AGM. The majority of the members at the meeting voted in favour of both Motions 1 and Motion 2.

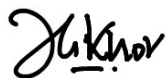
Request for SGM

Subsequent to the AGM, a written request for an SGM was submitted by 13 Corporate Members to declare the voting of the said motions to be invalid for the following reasons:

1. Important motion such as this one which concerns a long-established Branch Award approved by the Branch Committee years ago should be tabled with advance notice for all members to participate in the decision-making process transparently, instead of through a ad hoc motion passed through in a hasty manner during AGM.
2. Members who were absent from the AGM were not given prior notice of the motion, and thus had no opportunity to deliberate or vote on such important motion as this one, thus deprived them of their rights.

As such, this SGM is called per Clause 45 of the Rules of the Branch.

Yours sincerely,



Ir. Dr KHOR JEEN GHEE

Honorary Secretary
IEM Penang Branch