

## REQUIREMENT OF ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY PRACTICE TO REGISTER

To all registered Professional Engineers,

It has come to the attention of the Board of Engineers Malaysia that many registered Professional Engineers are practising through non-registered Engineering Consultancy Practices (ECPs). The Board would like to remind them that by doing so, they would be contravening Section 7A(1) and Section 15(1)(m) of the Registration of Engineers Act 1967 which reads as follows :

7A. (1) Notwithstanding subsection 7(1), a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate may practise as an Engineering consultancy practice and recover in any court any fee, charge, remuneration or other form of consideration for any professional engineering services rendered by it pursuant to its practice as an Engineering consultancy practice carried on by virtue of this section, if it is registered with the Board as an Engineering consultancy practice and has been issued with a certificate of registration.

15(1)(m) if he causes or permits or suffers any sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate in which he is a sole proprietor, partner, director or shareholder to practise as an Engineering consultancy practice prior to its registration by the Board;

Please be informed that under the amendments to the Registration of Engineers Act 1967 (Revised 2002) it is now **mandatory** for a sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate to be registered with the Board as an Engineering consultancy practice (ECP), failing which it is an offence for that sole proprietorship, partnership or body corporate to provide professional engineering services. Prior to the amendment, any registered Professional Engineer who intended to practice as a sole proprietor and/or a partnership just needed to inform the Board of their intention and the place of the business.

As the above amendments have been in force since 1<sup>st</sup> December 2002, the Board takes a serious view of the matter and hereby reminds all registered Professional Engineers that the Board will henceforth be enforcing strictly the need to register ECPs as per the requirements of the Registration of Engineers Act 1967.