

**20/08/2010**

**CHANGE OF PRESIDENT & GROUP CEO**

UMW wishes to announce the appointment of Y Bhg Datuk Syed Hisham bin Syed Wazir as the new President & Group CEO of UMW, with effect from 1st October 2010, in place of Y Bhg Dato' Abdul Halim bin Harun who will be retiring on 30th September 2010.

Y Bhg Dato' Abdul Halim had served as Non-Executive Director of UMW from 1990 to 2001 and subsequently, as President & Group CEO since 2001. Y Bhg Dato' Abdul Halim had intimated his desire to retire after the expiry of his contract in April 2009 but, at the request of the Board, had agreed to stay on for a 1 + 1 year term. In April 2010, he agreed to continue his service until a suitable candidate is identified.

Y Bhg Dato' Abdul Halim has agreed to remain as Advisor to the new President & Group CEO until 15th November 2010, to ensure a proper familiarisation and handover process to Y Bhg Datuk Syed Hisham.

Y Bhg Datuk Syed Hisham graduated from Plymouth University, England with a BSc in Mechanical Engineering in 1979 and earned his Master of Business Administration from the Ohio State University of USA in 1996. Y Bhg Datuk Syed Hisham is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Motor Industry, UK, and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma of Ohio University as well as a member of the Ohio University Alumni Society in Malaysia. He has had a distinguished career in senior management positions spanning over 27 years.

With UMW's long history and good track record, and with the support of the management and staff, the Board is confident that the new President & Group CEO will continue to take UMW to greater heights.

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