MALBEX 2005 – The 22nd Malaysian International Building Exposition, 14 – 17 September 2005

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur

If last years success is anything to go by, MALBEX 2005 should see even more companies from various countries partake in the biggest building and construction exhibition in this region. Last year, 16 countries sent a contingent of 64 companies to our local shores, along with our 173 national exhibitors, in the hopes of attracting more business and exposing their expertise to the industry. Companies from Australia, China, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Italy, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, UK and USA joined host nation Malaysia to attract a total of 14,035 trade visitors.

MALBEX has been offering opportunities for local building and construction companies to showcase their products and expertise since 1982, and it has been growing ever since. MALBEX features exhibits from a vast array of building categories, from building security systems, lighting, interior design, building automation systems as well as the more retail targeted D-I-Y products.

This year, the 22nd Malaysian International Building Exposition (MALBEX 2005) has switched venues from the Mines Exhibition Centre in 2004 to the brand new Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, which was just completed in June 2005. The new location will feature a staggering 10,000 sqm exhibition space for an expected 15,000 strong crowd.

MALBEX 2005 is also held alongside the CIDB organised International Construction Week (ICW 2005) with special forums on construction sector integrity, construction contracts acts' and adjudication as well as a seminar on construction business opportunities in South, East and Middle Asia. Details are available at CIDB's website (www.cidb.gov.my).

Special highlights at MALBEX 2005 include the International Construction Conference 2005 jointly organised by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and the Master Builders Association Malaysia (MBAM), featuring a conference entitled "Towards Global Competitiveness Through Capacity Building".

MALBEX 2005 is organised by Reed Exhibitions and it is co-organised by the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB). ■

Wire and Tube 2005 – The All-Asia Wire, Cable, Tube and Pipe Trade Fairs, 20 – 22 September 2005

Singapore Expo, Singapore

In other news a little south of the border, Singapore will be hosting the All-Asia Wire and Cable Trade Fair alongside the All-Asia Tube and Pipe Trade Fair. Held as before at Singapore Expo near Changi Airport on 20 – 22 September 2005, Wire Singapore and Tube Singapore pooled their resources to premier both the wire and cable industry trade shows together with the tube and pipe industry exhibits.

Featuring some 300 exhibiting companies from more than 30 countries, the AAWCTPTF (for lack of a better term) will bring together trade visitors from a diverse range of industries, including the wire and cable industry, chemical industry, automotive supply industry, electrical and electronics industry, telecommunications, computer manufacturing, building and construction, tube industry, oil, gas and chemicals, technical specialists and many more.

The trade show is expected to pull in a 6,000-strong crowd in its 3 days in Singapore. Among its many concurrent activities and value-added services, there is a Business Matching Service that will help pre-schedule appointments to establish contacts for pre-registered visitors, in order to best match procurement needs.

Wire and Tube 2005 in Singapore is organised by Messe Dusseldorf Asia Pte Ltd and sponsored by the International Wire and Machinery Association (IWMA), International Wire & Cable Exhibitors Association (IWCEA), Singapore Exhibition & Convention Bureau and the International Tube and Pipe Trade Fair. ■