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To All Members of IEM

Dear Sir/Madam

Usage of “Engr.” Title

The Institution of Engineers Malaysia (IEM) introduced the “Engr.” title to be used by members of IEM who are not Professional Engineers since 2006. The use of the title “Engr.” gives a sense of pride and confidence to the Engineering Graduates as their degrees had been vetted and recognised by the Institution. In addition, the usage of 'Engr' was overwhelmingly received and supported by our young members who proudly used it as members in the engineering fraternity at large.

However, the Board of Engineers, Malaysia (BEM) views the usage of “Engr.” title by IEM members as contravening “*Clause 7 (1) (aa)*” of the Registration of Engineers Act 1967 (Incorporating amendments up to 2015). IEM had been steadfast in maintaining our position in the interpretation of the use of “Engr.” and this matter had been deliberated with BEM for many years.

IEM had sought the intervention of the Minister of Works with regard to the usage of the “Engr.”. On 28 January 2016, the Minister called a meeting with IEM and BEM to discuss this issue. In the meeting, the Minister after hearing the presentation from both sides decided that his office will seek the opinion of the Attorney General (AG) with regard to the usage of the title “Engr.”. He also advised that IEM members should not use the title “Engr.” until we receive a decision from the AG’s office. IEM Council at its 401st Meeting on 21 March 2016 agreed to abide by the Minister’s decision until we receive the outcome from the AG’s office before deciding on the next course of action.

In the meantime, IEM Members are advised not to use the “Engr.” title pending the decision from the AG’s office.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Hon. Secretary