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### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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#### **KORBAN 2010/1431H**

1. For the second successive year, sheep for the *Korban* rites will be brought in by airfreight. The Singapore Mosques Korban Committee (JKMS) comprising representatives of 46 mosques and 2 Muslim organisations has decided to choose airfreight as the mode of transportation for this year's korban, because it was successful last year. In the years prior to 2009, the mode of transportation had always been by sea-freight.

The reasons for choosing airfreight are as follows:

- a) Certainty and promptness of delivery as airfreight mitigates unforeseen risks due to inclement weather conditions that are inherent in sea-freight delivery.
- b) Ease of handling at points of loading/unloading leading to reliability of sheep quality as evidenced by lower mortality, injury and reject rates.
- c) Low mortality rate as the animals are kept in confinement during delivery for only about 7 hours when compared to about 7 days for sea-freight.
- d) Positive feedback from participating mosques when airfreight mode of transportation was used last year.
- e) Recommendation of the Board of Inquiry (in 2005) which called for JKMS to opt for a more reliable and less risky form of delivery. That year, the delivery of sheep by sea freight was delayed and had caused public anxiety.

#### **Price:**

2. In 2009, JKMS chose airfreight because delivery by airfreight was cheaper than delivery by sea-freight. This was due to the deep economic recession last year where there was a drop in airfreight demand which subsequently caused a big drop in airfreight charges. Hence JKMS took advantage of the attractive situation and got a very good deal. But the 2009 condition is probably a one-off case that is not likely to recur in view of the current economic recovery.

3. This year, the situation is different due to the improved economy. The cost of airfreight has significantly increased. The price for each sheep for the coming Korban

rites on Hari Raya Haji is S\$375 per sheep. This is S\$83 or 28 per cent more compared to last year's price of S\$292. The price of S\$375 includes cost of supply of the sheep, all administrative charges, land transportation, insurance, air freighting as well as operational costs at the mosques to carry out the Korban rites.

#### **Reasons for the increase:**

4. The price increase of S\$83 is due to two components: i) higher tender price of sheep charged by the Approved Korban Vendor (AKV) through a public/Government tender (GeBiz) system and ii) the higher operating cost incurred by mosques.

i) Higher Tender Price of Approved Korban Vendor (AKV):

a) Increase in Airfreight Charges:

There has been an increase of 30 to 50 per cent in airfreight charges compared to the 2009 price levels. This is primarily due to the global economic recovery including in the airfreight industry. This is also brought about by the increase in the price of oil. Even sea freight charges have gone up.

b) First Price Adjustment since 2007:

The price of sheep had remained unadjusted since 2007 whilst actual sheep cost including land transportation cost, handling fees and administrative cost has risen quite significantly over the last 3 years.

ii) Higher operation cost incurred by the mosques.

The costs incurred by mosques to carry out the Korban rites for the public have also increased. The mosques can no longer sustain this increasing operational cost. The operational cost includes butchering, skinning and other logistical charges.

#### **Tender Process**

5. JKMS conducted a public tender exercise for the supply of sheep by airfreight for *Korban 2010* through the Government e-business portal (Gebiz). The tender period was from 30 April 2010 to 31 May 2010. We received one tender offer from M/s Mini Environment Service Pte Ltd (MES). After evaluation by JKMS, MES was recommended to be the Approved Korban Vendor (AKV) for a period of three years beginning 2010. This is the second time MES is appointed as the AKV. The first was for the period 2007-2009. JKMS is satisfied with the past performance of M/S MES.

Under the tender contract, MES is responsible for:

- Sourcing and supplying sheep/goats from a country of origin which meets all the specified requirements for *Korban* rites.

- Transporting of livestock to Singapore by airfreight according to the movement schedule as specified in the tender contract.
- Delivery of livestock from Changi Airport to all participating mosques and organisations.

MES has to fulfil all the above and do all that is necessary to ensure that participating mosques and organisations can conduct the *Korban* rites on Hari Raya Haji.

### **Timely Delivery**

6. To ensure timely delivery of sheep, MES has chartered **three** planes which are scheduled to arrive on 14 November 2010 and 15 November 2010. We have built in a 3-day buffer to provide for any unforeseen delays.

### **Invitation to Register**

7. Registration for *Korban 2010* opens from Wednesday, 15 September 2010. Members of the public who wish to perform *Korban* rites can place their orders for sheep at all participating mosques and organisations. The closing date for registration is Monday, 25 October 2010.

### **Dedicated Korban Website**

8. As in two previous years, MES will provide a dedicated website: [www.meskorban.sg](http://www.meskorban.sg) for participating mosques and organisations to update the status of orders in real time. Members of the public can browse the website to download order forms and to check their order status. However, they will have to go to the mosque of their choice for registration and payment.

### **Participating Mosques/Organisations**

9. This year, the JKMS consists of representatives from 46 mosques and 2 Malay/Muslim organisations. Please refer to Annex A for the list of JKMS members.

## ANNEX A

## JKMS MEMBERSHIP

CLUSTER	S/N	CLUSTER NO	MOSQUES	ORGANISATION	
North West	1	1	Al-Huda		
	2	2	Al-Iman		
	3	3	An-Nur		
	4	4	Assyafaah		
	5	5	Darul Makmur		
	6	6	Pertempatan Melayu Sembawang		
South West	7	1	Assyakirin		
	8	2	Ar-Raudhah		
	9	3	Almukminin		
	10	4	Hasanah		
	11	5	Darussalam		
	12	6	Tentera DiRaja		
	13	7	Hang Jebat		
	14	8	Al-Khair		
	15	10	Al-Firdaus		
	16	11	Wak Tanjong		
North East	17	1	Al-Istighfar		
	18	2	Alkaff Kg Melayu		
	19	3	Darul Ghufuran		
	20	4	En-Naeem		
	21	5	Haji Yusoff		
	22	6	Al-Mawaddah		
	23	7	Al-Istiqamah		
South East	24	1	Sallim Mattar		
	25	2	Alkaff Upper Serangoon Rd		
	26	3	Al-Ansar		
	27	4	Darul Aman		
	28	5	Kampung Siglap		
	29	6	Kassim		
	30	7	Wak Tanjong		
	31	8	Mydin		
	32	9	Al-Taqua		
Central	33	1	Al-Amin		
	34	2	Jamiyah Ar-Rabithah		
	35	3	Jamae Chulia		
	36	4	Temenggong Daeng Ibrahim		
	37	5	Haji Mohd Salleh (Geylang)		
	38	6	Sultan		
	39	7	Al-Falah		
	40	8	Ahmad Ibrahim		
	41	9	Al-Muttaqin		
	42	10	An-Nahdhah		
	43	11	Hj Rahimabi		
	44	12	Mujahidin		
	45	13	Malabar		
	46	14	Kampung Melaka		
	47	1			Muhammadiyah
	48	2			Koperasi Pergas