

**LYNAS MALAYSIA SDN BHD**

**ISSUES RAISED AT PARLIAMENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON LYNAS  
HEARING ON 11 MAY, 2012**

**1. WORRIES AND UNCERTAINTY ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE ARISING  
FROM LYNAS OPERATIONS**

There is shortage of information relating to the proper treatments of radioactive aspect of the water and chemical wastes to be generated from the Lynas operations.

There are doubts on the ability of the plant in handling these waste and the amount of wastes arising from the operations are said to be tremendous in volume and the probable radioactive impact on health of the surrounding people and pollutions to the environment.

There is lack of transparency and information on the above and therefore we suggest that any of these radioactive waste generated from the plant be re-exported to outside of Malaysia.

**2. ABSENCE OF ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)**

The public is requesting that an independent comprehensive EIA report should be carried out before the granting of any operating licenses.

The EIA must include all aspects including radioactive, chemical wastes, air and water discharge, etc.

**3. STORAGE FACILITY FOR RADIOACTIVE WASTE**

The proposed storage facility for the radioactive waste must be:-

- a) far from populated area (how far needs to be ascertained);
- b) at a location and level with sufficient distance from ground water level;
- c) of sufficient capacity for entire operation lifespan of the plant.

**4. MONITORING PROCESS**

An independent monitoring committee must be set-up to ensure the plant operations is operating in compliance with all rules and standards requirements on waste processing, handling and management even before the granting of operating licenses.

The standard operating manual of the process operations must be reviewed periodically and in compliance with all standards as set by internationally recognized authorities.

## **5. LACK OF TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

The Company should be more transparent in releasing more information on the plant operations to the public as there is lack of facts and information on the proposed plant operations.

The Company has been seen to be of its own and selfish since the inception of the issue and has not defended many of the accusations and queries raised by concerned citizens. The Government agencies are the one clarifying many of these issues and concerns raised during public hearings, briefings and meetings with the authorities.

The Company has been short of engaging the local residents BUT on the other hand is now pursuing some court orders against some of the local residents and NGOs. Only a handful of local residents has been briefed and invited to the plant and when the press are invited, they have not been granted freedom to ask questions and touring the plant.

The AELB is also has not been friendly enough to the public and has been seen to be authoritative in many cases eg. No photocopying of public review reports, wrong information on percentage of support towards plant etc.

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