## **Exploring Malaysia's Logistics Sector**

Key Investment Insights from MIDA.

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## MIDA Shaping Industrial Landscape Since 60s



#### Established-1967







#### **Global Network-21**



**State Offices-12** 



#### Shaping Industrial Landscape



Digital Economy, Industry 4.0, E-Commerce, ESG

**2020s** 



Innovation, ETP & High Income

2010s



Services & Economic Corridors

2000s



**Technology Intensive** 

1990s



Resource-based & Heavy industries

1980s



**Export Oriented & Labour Intensive** 

1970s



Import Substitution

1960s

## MIDA's Role

#### MIDA

#### **Promoting FDI & DDI**





#### **Providing Investment Approvals**

**Manufacturing License** (ML)



- · Require ML if the Paid-up Capital/Shareholders' Fund is RM2.5 Million and above; or employing 75 or more full time employees
- · Exempted from ML- If below the above threshold

Investment Incentives



- Tax Incentives
- Matching Grants

**Customs Duty** 



- · Raw materials; and
- Machinery & equipment

**Expatriate Posts** 



- Key posts Posts that are permanently filled by foreigners
- Term posts Posts that are filled by foreigners for a period of 1-5 years

#### **Monitoring Project Implementation**









### **Providing Business Facilitation**



Investment Issues



Talent

Needs

Sourcing of parts/ components

/modules

Local



Local **Engineering** Support



Adoption of 14.0 **Technologies** 



Technology Collaboration



**Funding** Needs



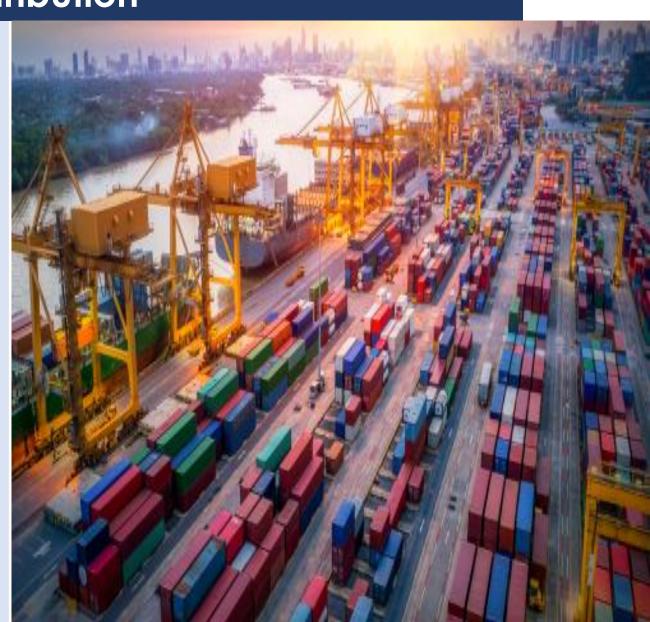




## Logistics in Malaysia Economics Performance and Contribution

The Malaysia Freight And **Logistics Market** size is estimated at USD28.12 billion in 2024, and is expected to reach USD38.28 billion by 2030, growing at a CAGR of 5.28% during the forecast period (2024-2030).

Source: https://www.mordorintelligence.com/industry-reports/malaysia-freight-logistics-market-study



## MALAYSIA AS A LOGISTICS HUB





Regional Distribution Hub



**E-Fulfillment** 



HALAL



**Cold Chain** 

**Dangerous Goods** 

#### Why Malaysia

#### **SHIPPING ROUTE**

Located between two of the most important shipping routes in Asia:

- 1. the Straits of Malacca, and
- 1. the South China Sea. Strategic location

#### **LAND AND INFRA**

Ample **land** and good **infrastructure** 

#### **REGIONAL OPERATIONS**

Investors are exploring other ASEAN (apart from Singapore) countries especially Malaysia to set up their regional operations

#### **ECONOMIC**

Growing **economic opportunities** within
Asia Pacific and ASEAN
region

#### **SPILLOVER**

Spillover from China economy which seeks to increase economic connectivity and cooperation between countries in Eurasia.

#### **BUSINESS STRATEGY**

**China + 1** business strategy.

(Business strategy to avoid investing only in China and diversify business into other countries)

## "Malaysia Emerged as the Preferred Destination for Regional Hubs"





Largest Distribution Centre in the South East Asia



Regional e-fulfilment hub for Zalora



Expansion project on logistics & e-fulfilment



Expansion project on logistics & e-fulfilment



Regional e-fulfilment hub for Marks & Spencer



YIWUGOU (XIN HWA)

Regional Fulfillment Center 4-Storey warehouse in Shah Alam and an integrated logistics provider for Yiwugou in Malaysia



**STEINWEG** 

Commodities Logistics Hub with specialized warehouse for chemical & petrochemical production



## SMART LOGISTICS COMPLEX (SLC)



The SMART Logistic Complex (SLC) incentive is inspired by the concept of smart factories, which employ a datadriven environment approach to enhance business operations efficiency.

SLC involves the use of automation and digital technologies such as robotics, the Internet of Things (IoT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and RFID, which provide necessary information for inventory management, warehousing, and real-time delivery activities, enabling companies to plan resource and product management quickly and systematically.

Through the SLC incentive, Malaysia aims to attract quality SMART Warehouse infrastructure projects/companies into the country and accelerate the development of the Nation's Logistic, digital economy and increase value chain activity in the country.



### WAREHOUSE GLOBAL TREND





Global warehousing and storage market

USD 660.39 billion

(2022)

USD 714.79 billion (2023)



- The Asia Pacific region contributes the highest CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate) to the global warehousing and storage market at 14.27% (2021-2026).
- The size of the Warehousing and Distribution Market in the ASEAN region is estimated to reach USD 63.5 billion in 2024.
- The growth rate of the e-commerce sector, particularly e-commerce sales, is expected to be the main driver of rapid growth in the warehousing and distribution logistics market in the ASEAN region.

### **BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT 2025**







#### **GALAKAN CUKAI BAGI (SMART LOGISTICS COMPLEX)**

Kedudukan Semasa Smart Logistics Complex (SLC) adalah merupakan kemudahan pergudangan moden yang menggunakan teknologi seperti Internet Pelbagai Benda (Internet of Things - IoT) dan Kecerdasan Buatan (Artificial Intelligence - AI) bertujuan mengautomasi pelbagai operasi pergudangan, mengurangkan kos dan meningkatkan prestasi keseluruhan rantaian bekalan. Namun, tiada insentif khusus disediakan kepada syarikat yang melaksanakan aktiviti pergudangan pintar yang menerapkan elemen Revolusi Industri Keempat (IR4.0) di Malaysia.

## SMART LOGISTICS COMPLEX (SLC) INCENTIVE



**TYPE** 



SLC Model 1

Company to Invest (Build) SLC and operate

2 SLC Model 2

Company to Lease SLC Warehouse 10 Years and operate



#### **INCENTIVE**

Income Tax Exemption equivalent to Investment Tax Allowance of 60% on the qualifying capital expenditure incurred for a period of 5 years.

The allowance can be offset 70% of statutory income for each year of assessment.

Unutilised allowances can be carried forward until fully absorbed.



## SMART LOGISTICS COMPLEX (SLC) INCENTIVE - Cont'd



#### **Qualifying Criteria**

- 1 Locally Incorporated
- 2 Qualifying Activities
- Regional Distribution Center (RDC)
- Integrated Logistic Services.
- Dangerous Goods Storage
- Cold Chain Facility



3 Infrastructure required

The Smart Warehouse should be at least 30,000 m2 or 322,917 sqft.

4 Technology Equipment

SLC equipment should incorporate at least three (3) enabling technology elements under Industry 4.0.



#### **Additional Criteria:**

- 5 Green Technology
- Minimum Salary
  (Management & Technical)
- Internship Program and Fechnical Training
- 8 Using Local Contractors
- 9 Usage Local Seaports & Airports
- Usage Local Haulage/
  Logistic Company





#### **Announcement date**

The SLC tax incentive policy is already announced through the 2025 Budget.

#### Effective Date of Application

Applications received by MIDA from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2027.

## SMART LOGISTICS COMPLEX (SLC) INCENTIVE



### FOREST CITY SPECIAL FINANCIAL ZONE (FC-SFZ)

#### **TYPE**





Company to Invest (Build) SLC and operate

SLC Model 2

Company to Lease SLC Warehouse 10 Years and operate

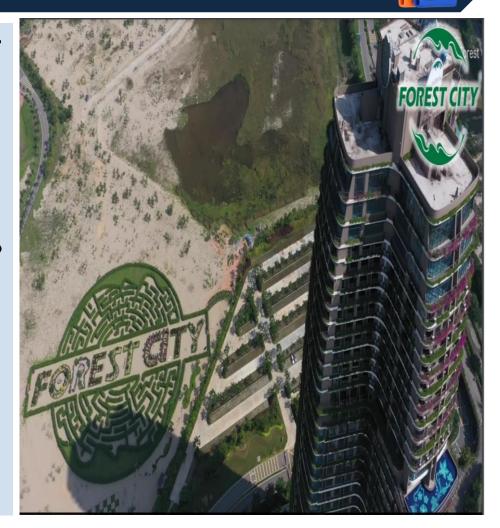


#### **INCENTIVE**

Income Tax Exemption equivalent to Investment Tax Allowance of 100% on the qualifying capital expenditure incurred for a period of 5 years.

The allowance can be offset 100% of statutory income for each year of assessment.

Unutilised allowances can be carried forward until fully absorbed.



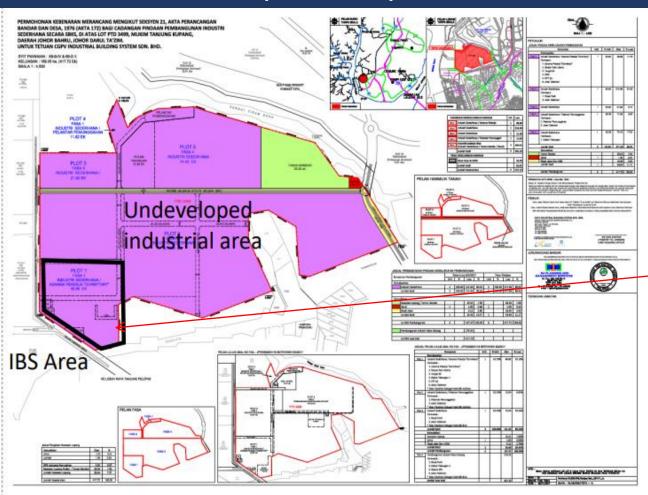
## **SMART LOGISTICS COMPLEX (SLC) INCENTIVE**FOREST CITY SPECIAL FINANCIAL ZONE (FC-SFZ)











417.2<sub>acre</sub>

Total Area

60.38acre

Developed Area (IBS Land)

- Industrial land available for mass production.
- 5 min to PTP & near to existing power plant
- Applicable for Industrial Tax Incentives (MIDA)





## International Integrated Logistics Services (IILS) Status





## INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SERVICES (IILS)

**STATUS** 

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**



Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1965



Compulsory attendance to the Customs Agent course conducted by the Royal Malaysian Customs Department



Employ majority Malaysians and preference must be given to local professionals



No equity condition



Substantial usage of ICT infrastructure



Having good network abroad

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Must undertake three (3) principal activities

Must manage minimum assets & operate all activities in integrated manner:-

- 20 commercial vehicles
- 5,000 sqm warehouse space



**Freight Forwarding** 



Warehousing



**Transportation** 

And at least **one (1)** of the following activities:

- Distribution
- Supply Chain Management
- Other related and valueadded services/activities



## Integrated Logistics Services (ILS) – Tax Incentive





## INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SERVICES (IILS)

TAX INCENTIVE



A 5-year tax incentives to companies providing Integrated Logistics Services

#### TAX INCENTIVE

Pioneer Status of 70% on the statutory income

Investment Tax Allowance of 60% on additional Capex

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

**APPLICANT** 



Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1965

**EQUITY** 



Equity of the company must be at least 60% Malaysian.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Minimum Infrastructure to be Owned by Applicant Company







**20 units Commercial Vehicles** 

5,000 sq metres

**ACTIVITIES** 

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**Freight Forwarding** 



Warehousing



**Transportation** 

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### Cold Chain Facilities—Tax Incentive





#### **COLD CHAIN FACILITIES**

**TAX INCENTIVE** 

Companies
undertaking cold
chain facilities
provide a wide range
of services including
cold room,
refrigerated truck
and other related
services such as the
collection, storage
and distribution of
perishable local
agricultural produce.

#### TAX INCENTIVE

#### **New Company**

- Pioneer Status of 70% on statutory income or
- Investment Tax Allowance of 60% on qualifying Capex

#### **Existing Company**

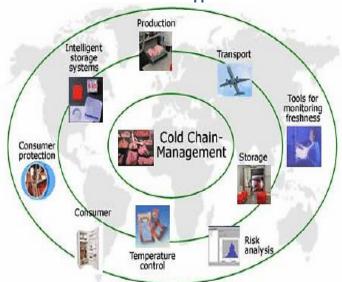
- Pioneer Status of 70% on the increased statutory income arising or
- Investment Tax Allowance of 60% on additional Capex

#### **QUALIFYING INCOME**

At least 60% of the company's revenue must derived from the eligible activities

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANT** 

- Incorporate a company under the Companies Act, 1965
- The applicant must be an independent service provider



#### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES**

- The provision of cold room facilities or refrigerated transportation for:-
- local agriculture produce with or without other postharvest activities including cleaning, washing, grading, freezing/chilling, packing
- ii. locally produced processed products



## Domestic Investment Accelerator Fund (DIAF) - ESG





Adoption

The **Domestic Investment Accelerator Fund (DIAF)** is a **matching grant for ESG adoption** that was introduced in the Rolling Plan 3 under the Twelfth Malaysia Plan (RMK-12) as well as under the Special Projects Fund for 2023; to support Malaysian-owned Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and Mid-Tier Companies (MTCs) in the manufacturing, manufacturing-related services (MRS) and the selected services sectors for the transition into ESG practices.



The matching grant (50:50) / (70:30) based on the criteria or merit of the project with maximum reimbursable amount of RM500,000 per company subject to availability of the grant.



**Eligible expenditures** incurred related to the adoption of ESG practices based on the following activities:

- Costs related to validation, verification and certification for ESG adoption and/or tracking of carbon emissions and ESG disclosures; and
- Subscription of technology system and/ or software for data gathering and tracking of ESG adoption and/or GHG emissions.



The project must be completed within 12 months from the effective date of the grant period, which commences from the date of the Acknowledgement Letter issued by MIDA upon receiving a duly completed application form.

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**



SME/MTC (based on definition by SME Corp)



Effective equity ownership of the company must be at least 51% Malaysians



Malaysian owned companies incorporated under the Companies Act, 2016 engage in Manufacturing or services (selected activities)



In operation for at least 3 years in the current business line



Possess a valid business licence and/or Manufacturing Licence.

New grant for the period from 2024 until 2025 or until fully utilised.

https://www.mida.gov.my/forms-and-guidelines/

## **Automation Capital Allowances (ACA)**



#### **OBJECTIVES**

To encourage manufacturing and services companies to engage in innovative and productive activities

To encourage the quick adoption of automation especially for labour-intensive industries

To further spur automation initiatives

#### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Manufacturing and services companies (labour and non-labour intensive) operating at least 3 years in Malaysia
- The automation machinery / equipment including machinery / equipment with an **adaptation of Industry 4.0**
- The machinery / equipment / Industry 4.0 software / system is used directly in the manufacturing / services activity
- The machinery / equipment / Industry 4.0 software / system should enhance productivity such as reducing man hours, reducing the number of workers/operators involved in the operation, reducing the defect rate or increasing the volume of output which is to be verified by SIRIM.

#### TYPE OF INCENTIVE

The Automation Capital Allowance of **200%** on the <u>first RM10 million</u> expenditure <u>incurred</u> within the year of assessment from **2023 to 2027**. The scope of automation includes <u>adaptation of Industry 4.0 elements.</u>

# CATEGORY 1

- Labour intensive industries (rubber products, plastics, wood, furniture and textiles)
- ACA of 200% on the first RM 10
   Million expenditure incurred within
   Year of Assessment 2023 to 2027

# CATEGORY 2

- Other industries including services sector
- ACA of 200% on the first RM 10 Million expenditure incurred within Year of Assessment 2023 to 2027

## MIDA's Invest Malaysia Portal

5 Steps In Submitting An Application









- Company Validation
- Fill in the company's information
- Submit
- Approval by MIDA



#### **Step 2: Update Company Profile**



Step 3: Obtain Digital Certificate (DigiCert) - (validity period is 2 years)

- Purchase via MIDA Payment Channel.
- Register via link in InvestMalaysia (Pos DigiCert MYCRS portal)
- Approval by MIDA
- PIN Setup via link in approval email
- Verify DigiCert in InvestMalaysia portal



Step 4: Fill in an Application



**Step 5: Submit Application** 

