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81 ENTERPRISES FACE POSSIBLE PENALTY FOR PRICE FIXING CARTEL

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 SEPTEMBER - The Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC), an agency under the Ministry of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living (KPDN) has issued a Proposed Decision against 81 enterprises for their involvement in a price-fixing agreement for the provision of *Umrah* travel services in Malaysia from 2023. Their cartel behaviours can be deemed as an infringement under section 4 of the Competition Act 2010 (Act 712).

Through MyCC investigation, it provisionally finds that these enterprises which are also the members of an association registered in Malaysia have agreed to fix the floor prices for both economy and premium *Umrah* package services during their meetings in early 2023. MyCC also discovered that the association in question later made announcements to the media in order to inform the public of their agreed floor prices. All of these enterprises except for 10 are licensed to carry out umrah travel services. The list of the 81 enterprises involved is provided in **Appendix I**.

It is important to highlight that at this stage, the Proposed Decision is a provisional finding and it should not be assumed that these enterprises have infringed the Act.

As required by the Act, the enterprises named in the Proposed Decision have been notified of the proposed penalties. These enterprises are given the opportunity to submit their written representations to MyCC within 30 days of receiving the Proposed Decision. The enterprises will also have an opportunity to present their oral representations before the Commission on a date to be determined later. MyCC, as a quasi-judicial body, will issue its Final Decision only after taking into account the representations made by these enterprises together with the evidence obtained during the investigation.

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About the Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC)

Established in June 2011, MyCC is an independent body responsible for enforcing the Competition Act 2010, which was implemented to create healthy competition which would, in turn, stimulate productivity and innovation, thus creating wider choices of products for consumers with better quality and reasonable prices.

The Act applies to all commercial activities undertaken within and outside of Malaysia that affect competition in the Malaysian market. It provides a regulatory framework including powers to investigate, adjudicate and impose penalties on the perpetrators of the competition laws.

MyCC celebrated its 13th anniversary on 1 April 2024 and to date, MyCC has taken decisive action against over 100 companies relating to cartels and abuse of dominant positions resulting in a cumulative penalty of more than RM570 million. MyCC's current priorities include amending the Act to introduce the merger control regime, actively targeting bid rigging cartels and cartels in the food and agriculture sectors as well as focusing on the challenges brought by the digital economy to competition law and policy.

For more information on the Act and MyCC activities, log on to www.mycc.gov.my

Appendix I

The 81 enterprises involved are as follows:

1. Abeel Travel & Services Sdn. Bhd.
2. Abu Rizki Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
3. Afiq Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
4. Ajua Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
5. Al Ansar Travel & Tours (M) Sdn Bhd
6. Al Fawwaz Travel & Services Sdn. Bhd.
7. Al Haramain Global Tours & Services Sdn. Bhd.
8. Al Haramain Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
9. Al Mikayla Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
10. Al Murtajiz Travel Sdn. Bhd.
11. Al Ridzuan Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
12. Al-Ilmi Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
13. Alrohmah Tours & Services Sdn. Bhd.
14. Aqua Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
15. Ar Rayyan Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
16. Arrayyan Travel Services Sdn. Bhd.
17. Aseana Pro Travels Sdn Bhd.
18. As-Siraj Haj Umrah Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
19. Atocha Travel Sdn. Bhd.
20. Baheej Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
21. Barakah Umhaj Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
22. Berkat Buah Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
23. BK Travel Sdn. Bhd.
24. BT Tune Holidays & Services Sdn. Bhd.
25. Dahlia Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
26. Dar Premium Travel Sdn. Bhd.
27. De Teroke Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
28. Dhiya Az Zahra Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
29. Embun Ritz Travel Network Sdn. Bhd.
30. Family International Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.

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31. GISB Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
32. Halaqah Mukhlisin Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
33. Hayy Al Musafir Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
34. Hexa Travel Sdn. Bhd.
35. I.T.T Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
36. Itizam Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
37. In Saff Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
38. Khalifa Hajj Umrah Tours Sdn. Bhd.
39. Kopetro Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
40. Kosas Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
41. Kurma Getaways Travel Management Sdn. Bhd.
42. Lavender Holidays & Management Sdn. Bhd.
43. M Travel & Tours Sdn Bhd
44. Madinah Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
45. MKM Ticketing Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
46. Moghul Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
47. Mursyid Alharamain Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
48. Muslimin Travel & Tours (M) Sdn. Bhd.
49. Nafadz Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
50. Nawwarah Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
51. Obi Travel & Holidays Sdn. Bhd.
52. Pasadana Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
53. Persada Global Holidays Sdn. Bhd.
54. Qalam Travel Sdn. Bhd.
55. Qaliff Travel Sdn. Bhd.
56. Quntum Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
57. Rarecation Travel Sdn. Bhd.
58. Rasniaga Travel Sdn. Bhd.
59. Raudhah Jaya Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
60. RRAB Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
61. RS Megatravel Sdn. Bhd.
62. Salju Travel Sdn. Bhd.
63. Sama Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
64. Shahid Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.

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65. Smart IQ Travel Agency Sdn. Bhd.
66. Sri Wangsa Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
67. Tawaf Travel Group Sdn. Bhd.
68. TMK Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
69. Toybah Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
70. Tripfair Travel Sdn. Bhd.
71. Tripfez Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
72. UAR Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
73. Ummrem Tours & Services Sdn. Bhd.
74. UMH Travel & Services Sdn. Bhd.
75. Widad Tours & Travels Sdn. Bhd.
76. Yahabibi Travel Sdn. Bhd.
77. Ya Salam Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
78. YHA Travel & Tours (M) Sdn. Bhd.
79. Zaharah Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
80. Zayyan Travel & Tours Sdn. Bhd.
81. ZST Travel & Tour (Sarawak) Sdn. Bhd.