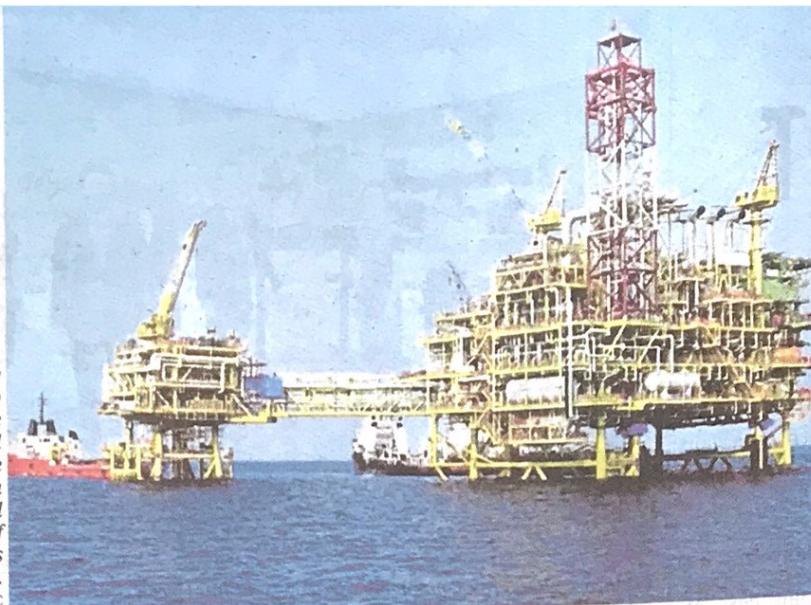


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'SPUR DIGITALISATION OF O&G INDUSTRY'

More allocations will boost efficiency, competitiveness, says HRC

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THE government should consider introducing more allocations in the upcoming 2021 Budget to spur the digitalisation of the oil and gas (O&G) industry, such as incentives and capital tax allowances for new machinery upgrades.

Hengyuan Refining Company Bhd (HRC) chief executive officer Erkki Ranta said this would enhance the efficiency and competitiveness of the O&G industry to become sustainable and resilient on the global scale.

"We also hope for more subsidies and funds for the education and upskilling of the O&G workforce.

"Apart from enhancing technical know-how, other important focus areas include health, safety and the environment, all of which are important to forming a reliable talent pool of highly competent skilled labour that can drive the industry forward."

HRC, formerly known as Shell Refining Company (Federation of Malaya) Bhd, manages and operates a refinery in Port Dickson, Negri Sembilan with a licensed production capacity of 156,000-barrels per day.

The refinery is involved in the refining and manufacturing of

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petroleum products and provides employment for more than 500 people who are predominantly Malaysians.

Tiong Nam Logistics Holdings Bhd (TNL), one of the largest integrated logistics solutions providers in Malaysia, proposes to the government to provide more tax incentives in the 2021 Budget to spur the expansion and modernisation of the logistics sector.

Executive director Victor Ong said this was essential to growth in trade and economic activities as a technologically-advanced, efficient and robust supply chain was crucial to Malaysia's competitiveness.

"We continuously invest in expanding and upgrading our logistics fleet and warehousing facilities to ensure we deliver excellent services, hence capital or tax incentives would help accelerate progress.

"We also look forward to more incentives for implementation of automation and digital technolo-

gies in the logistics sector, including data management and analytics solutions."

Ong said higher operational automation and use of digital technologies would enhance the efficiency and reliability of the logistics sector, thus empowering industries to grow and become more competitive on a global scale.

"Additionally, we hope for more green incentives for the logistics sector, such as for transitioning to greener logistics fleet and facilities.

"This helps the sector in adopting more sustainable practices, which not only strengthens its resilience and relevance in meeting requirements by industries worldwide, but also supports the country's efforts to transition to a low-carbon economy."

With more than 40 years of experience, 83 warehouses with 5.5 million square feet capacity across Malaysia and regionally, as well as a logistics fleet of more than 2,000 vehicles, TNL's integrated solutions serve a comprehensive range of industry and commercial needs.

TNL's property development division is involved in industrial, commercial and residential projects in Selangor and Johor.

It has completed RM1.4 billion worth of properties to date.