

MSC: Full smelting ops at Pulau Indah plant to start soon

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tin miner and metal producer [Malaysia Smelting Corp](#) Bhd's (MSC) relocation to its new smelting facility in Pulau Indah, Port Klang is progressing well with full smelting operations expected to commence in the near term.

However, the impending move to Pulau Indah will also involve an internal restructuring exercise affecting some 550 employees at its Butterworth plant. There will be a reduction in manpower as the new modern plant requires less workers, Bernama reported.

MSC will be undertaking a voluntary separation scheme (VSS).

Group chief executive officer Datuk Dr Patrick Yong said the company's relocation was necessary.

"The technology upgrade will significantly enhance the group's extractive yields, in a more cost-efficient and environmentally-friendly manner. The new plant uses natural gas as fuel and follows a more comprehensive single stage continuous smelting process, leading to a minimisation in MSC's carbon footprint," he said in a statement yesterday. Even with the Pulau Indah facility in full operations, the company's Butterworth plant will still be in service to ensure problem-free production, he added.

"Our priority is peace of mind for our customers at the expense of cost duplication, until smooth operations are achieved."

The Pulau Indah plant will help to reduce costs and reliance on intensive labour, MSC said, adding there will be overall process efficiency as a result of new technology compared to the dated reverberatory furnaces currently employed in Butterworth. — Bernama

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