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Dear Sir,

EQUIVALENCY OF THE 'PEARSON BTEC LEVEL 5 HND DIPLOMA IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING'

I refer to the above matter.

2. I am pleased to inform you that application for equivalency of the 'Pearson BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma in Mechanical Engineering' has been presented at the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) Equivalency Committee Meeting on April 17, 2014.

3. The decision made by the MQA Equivalency Committee are as follows:

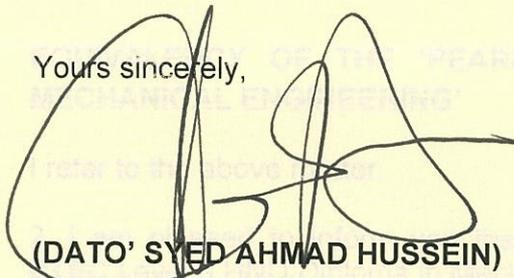
- i. The 'Pearson BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma in Mechanical Engineering' is equivalent to Level 4 of Malaysian Qualifications Framework (MQF).
- ii. The entry qualifications for this programme should be in compliance with the entry requirement of Level 4 as stipulated in the Programme Standard: Engineering and Engineering Technology as follows:
 - a) **Pass Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) or its equivalent** with at least credits in three (3) subjects and ONE (1) relevant science / technical / vocational subject AND a pass in English; or
 - b) **Pass Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM) or its equivalent** with a pass in Mathematics, English and ONE (1) relevant science / technical / vocational subject at the SPM level; or
 - c) **Recognised Certificate in Engineering / Engineering Technology or its equivalent; or**
 - d) **Recognised related Vocational and Technical / Skills Certificate or its equivalent** with ONE (1) year of relevant work experience or a minimum of ONE (1) semester of a bridging programme.

e) **For International students, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 500 OR International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 5.0 OR its equivalent.** If a student does not meet this requirement, HEPs must offer English proficiency courses to ensure that the student's proficiency is sufficient to meet the needs of the programme. This is normally conducted through an assessment process.

- iii. The experiment titles for subject with practical component must be listed in the syllabus.
- iv. The Industrial Training subject must be offered as required by the Programme Standard: Engineering and Engineering Technology.
- v. This decision are limited to 'Pearson BTEC Level 5 HND Diploma in Mechanical Engineering' that are conducted merely in Malaysia and subject to the current national higher education's policy.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



(DATO' SYED AHMAD HUSSEIN)
Chief Executive Officer
Malaysia Qualifications Agency

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