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PNB Merdeka Ventures appoints edotco Malaysia as next generation connectivity solutions provider for Merdeka 118 – Southeast Asia’s tallest tower

Kuala Lumpur, **15 FEBRUARY 2021** – PNB Merdeka Ventures Sdn. Berhad (“PMSVB”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Permodalan Nasional Bhd (“PNB”) today announced the appointment of edotco Malaysia as its partner to equip the much anticipated Merdeka 118 tower with next generation telecommunications technology solutions befitting the building’s future-ready infrastructure.

This paves the way for edotco Malaysia to design, provide and maintain build-to-suit in-building telecommunications solutions (IBS), enabling seamless and reliable connectivity for the iconic tower. Equipping the tower with the next generation IBS technology ensures greater coverage in blind spots such as lifts as well as the basement, creating an enhanced user experience.

Antennae, repeaters and other next-generation IBS will be installed within the premises to meet capacity demands and provide extensive coverage at every level of the tower, in preparation for future hyper connectivity. The ready availability of innovative telecommunications infrastructure enables mobile network operators to rapidly offer high speed connectivity without major investment via a plug-and-play model, and provide the infrastructure for newer telecommunications technologies to be modularly added as occupancy increases.

PNB’s Chief Investment Officer of Real Estate, Encik Rick Ramli said, “This marks an integral part of Merdeka 118’s progress as we move closer to completion. Currently at 70% completed, we look forward to embarking on the next phase of powering up Merdeka 118 with next generation connectivity technologies to support future communication needs. We are confident that edotco’s strong track record, technical expertise and innovative solutions will be able to cater to the dynamic needs of Merdeka 118’s business and leisure occupants.”

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edotco Group Chief Regional Officer and edotco Malaysia Managing Director Wan Zainal Adileen commented, “The Merdeka 118 tower ranks in the league of one of the world’s engineering wonders and we are pleased for the opportunity to partner with PNB Merdeka Ventures on our capability and expertise to enable future-ready telecommunications. Merdeka 118 symbolises progress beyond the current generation and it resonates deeply with edotco’s commitment to nation building. Involvement in this landmark project is a monumental milestone for edotco in supporting Malaysia towards meeting its digital ambitions. edotco is rising to the challenge of delivering tailor-made, right shareable solutions that are a step ahead of our peers.”

Services by edotco will include telecommunication infrastructure for the office, hotel tower and retail mall. The 3 million square foot development soars into the clouds at 635 metres tall. Merdeka 118 is set to be the tallest building in Southeast Asia upon completion in 2022. Installation works for the IBS will be completed in time for the landmark tower’s opening in 2022.

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About PNB Merdeka Ventures Sdn. Berhad

PNB Merdeka Ventures Sdn. Berhad was incorporated in June 2000 to build Merdeka 118 precinct, and is the land owner and sole custodian of both Stadium Merdeka and Stadium Negara. Both stadiums have been listed as “National Heritage” sites in October 2005 under the National Heritage Act 2005. Thereafter PNB Merdeka Ventures carried out meticulous conservation efforts, earning Stadium Merdeka the UNESCO Award of Excellence for Culture Heritage Conservation Programme (Asia Pacific) in 2008.

Please visit www.merdeka118.com for more information

About edotco Group

Established in 2012, edotco Group is the first regional integrated telecommunications infrastructure services company in Asia, providing end-to-end solutions in the tower services sector from tower leasing, co-locations, build-to-suit, energy, transmission and operations and maintenance (O&M).

edotco Group operates and manages a regional portfolio of over 31,500 towers across core markets of Malaysia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Laos and the Philippines with 19,991 towers directly operated by edotco and a further 11,521 towers managed through a range of services provided. edotco strives to deliver outstanding performance in telecommunications infrastructure services and solutions. Its state-of-the-art real-time monitoring service, echo, has driven significant improvements in field operations while maximizing operational efficiencies in terms of battery, energy and fuel consumption for telecommunications infrastructure.

edotco Group was recently awarded the Frost & Sullivan 2018 Asia Pacific Telecoms Tower Company of the Year Award for its demonstrated exemplary business growth and performance in Southeast Asia.

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