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Joint Ministerial Statement on Lynas

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In response to recent inaccurate media reports regarding the removal of the residue generated by the Lynas Advanced Materials Plant (LAMP), we wish to restate the Government's position on the matter.

1. As Ministers responsible for portfolios directly associated with the Lynas project, we reiterate that public health and safety continue to be our utmost priority.
2. The Temporary Operating Licence (TOL) granted to Lynas requires as a specific condition that the company removes all the residue generated by LAMP out of Malaysia. This includes all products made from the residue. The Cabinet has also endorsed this condition.
3. Should Lynas fail to comply with this condition, the Atomic Energy Licensing Board (AELB) is empowered, under section 22 of the Atomic Energy Licensing Act 1984 (Act 304), to suspend or revoke the TOL and order Lynas to immediately cease operation.

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The obligation imposed on Lynas in this matter is very clear. The Government will not compromise the health and safety of the "Rakyat" and the environment in dealing with the issue of Lynas.

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