

## Mölnlycke launches new surgical glove plant in Malaysia injecting RM233 million

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**The new plant at Kulim Hi-Tech Park, Kedah designed to build a sustainable healthcare manufacturing ecosystem for high-quality surgical gloves in a cutting-edge automated glove production and packaging line**



The world-leading medical product and solutions company, Mölnlycke of Sweden has launched a new surgical glove plant in Kulim Hi-Tech Park, Kedah, with a total investment of EUR 50 million (RM233 million).

The new manufacturing plant was officiated by YAB. Dato' Seri Haji Muhammad Sanusi Bin Md Nor, Chief Minister of Kedah, HE Dr. Joachim Bergstrom, Ambassador of Sweden and Zlatko Rihter, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mölnlycke. Also present at the official launch were Dato' Wira Dr. Ku Abd Rahman Ku Ismail, Senior State EXCO Member for Industry & Investment, Higher Education, Science, Technology & Education; Datuk Wira Arham Abdul Rahman, CEO of Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA); Mohammad Haris Kader Sultan, Chief Executive (CE) of Northern Corridor Implementation Authority (NCIA) and Karl-Henrik Sundström, Chair of the Board of Mölnlycke.

The new facility is a major milestone of Mölnlycke's sustainability roadmap - WeCare and is complimenting Malaysia's sustainable industrialisation goals while aiming to create 400 new job opportunities within the state.

The new production site, spread across 29,164 sqm with building footprint of 14,620 sqm, is fully equipped with the cutting-edge automated glove production and packaging line.

The manufacturing plant is constructed in partnership with global sustainability solutions providers, ENGIE and Veolia Water Technologies. Veolia will be assisting in improving the plant's wastewater management, effectively recycling water, and further improving the discharge quality.

Malaysia is core to Mölnlycke's surgical gloves business. To date, the company has three other additional factories based in the country, two of which are for the manufacturing of surgical gloves and another for packing. With business in over 100 countries worldwide, Mölnlycke entered the Malaysian market in 1990 and currently employs over 2,500 Malaysians in their network.

In his welcoming address, YAB Dato' Seri Haji Muhammad Sanusi bin Md Nor, Chief Minister of Kedah said, "The state of Kedah is very proud to be the host of Mölnlycke's new state-of the art factory, and in that being recognised as a state providing the right prerequisites for sustainable production of high-quality surgical gloves, and in that enable Mölnlycke to live its vision to improve hand performance for health care professionals across the globe".