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### **REHDA: Allow For Hillside Development**

The Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (REHDA) welcomes the statement in the Sunday Times, 16 November 2008 by Geo-technical engineer Dr Gue See-Sew, a Fellow of the Academy of Science Malaysia who stated that hillside projects can be carried out safely provided the slopes are stabilised.

Referring to the Selangor government's blanket policy ban on Classes 3 and 4 development with hillslopes gradient of 25 degree and above announced in April 2008, REHDA urges the state government to consider lifting the ban if such developments can be safely carried out and fulfilling all the regulated enforcements and high standards of design.

Datuk Ng Seing Liong, REHDA President said while REHDA recognises the importance towards sustainable development and environmental protection, the merits of hillside development should be rationally and transparently assessed.

'We support the need to balance short term issues such as mitigating the landslide risk and provision of proper drainage systems with longer term plans for the future including regular maintenance of the area as well as the proposed National Slope Masterplan and a governance body to ensure an effective, planned development is implemented,' added Datuk Ng.

REHDA also calls for all developers to grow competitively by investing in innovations, technology and knowledge capital as well as cultivating the maintenance culture towards sustainable development.

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