



## **PRESS RELEASE**

**YB DATO SRI DR HAJI WAN JUNAIDI BIN TUANKU JAAFAR  
MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

**REPORT IN FREE MALAYSIA TODAY ON 12 AUGUST 2017  
“MACC TO SEIZE OVER 10 MILLION TONNES OF BAUXITE IN  
PAHANG”**

**13 AUGUST 2017**

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1. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) fully and unequivocally supports the action taken by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) in seizing the stockpile of bauxite to further facilitate their ongoing investigation into the illegal mining of bauxite.
2. The moratorium was imposed by the government to sort out several environmental issues as well as to completely clear the existing stockpiles of bauxite. The instruction to clear the existing stockpiles was not adhered to by the owners and operators of the companies who had been granted the special export permits (APs). This despite numerous reminders by the Ministry via official contact and through the press to clear their stockpiles as soon as possible by exporting them.
3. NRE cannot and will not entertain any appeals or requests to interfere with MACC's investigations into the illegal mining of the bauxite.
4. The Ministry is totally committed to and will continue to offer full cooperation to MACC during the ongoing investigation.

Thank you.

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