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Bahlil: The World is Fighting Over Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Raw Materials

Jakarta, 5 April 2020 - Chairman of the Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) Bahlil Lahadalia said that many countries are currently experiencing a shortage of raw materials for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The world is fighting over PPE raw materials. Therefore, the government will not hesitate to take action against those who are making it difficult for the industry.

The whole world is currently fighting over PPE raw materials. Even developed countries are also struggling", said Bahlil during a visit to PT GA Indonesia in Bogor, West Java on Saturday (4/4/2020).

Bahlil said, many countries are currently fighting over raw materials, mainly from South Korea and China. Therefore, business competition in obtaining raw materials is very high. With this issue, the government does not want manufacturers to be bothered by anyone. We will crack down on anyone who complicates things with these PPE manufacturers. We are endlessly thankful for the manufacturers who are struggling to get enough raw materials to keep our PPE stocked", Bahlil stressed.

For PPE distribution, the government will prioritize domestic needs and will be distributed through hospitals throughout the country. Our priority is for domestic needs", concluded Bahlil.

The BKPM Chairman visited PT GA Indonesia's factory in Bogor, West Java, because the company had already obtained the distribution license for the hazmat suit and promised to help fulfill the hazmat suit needed by the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB) for handling Covid-19.

PT GA Indonesia together with five other South Korean garment companies located in West Java are incorporated in the Indonesia Korea Network (IKN) Foundation and the Korean Association Bandung. This consortium works together to fulfill the needs of PPE suits for Indonesia.

On 3 April 2020, as many as 500,000 pieces of PPE suits have been shipped to various regions in Indonesia. The collaboration is carried out with the assistance and supports from both Indonesian and South Korean government that allows the use of South Korean raw materials to produce PPE suits for Indonesia and quickly granted the distribution license for the product. In the future, if the raw material is sufficient, the consortium can produce up to 100,000 pieces per day.

We are grateful for the prompt response from BKPM when we apply for a distribution license so that the license was immediately completed within an hour. We are ready to increase our production, as long as
raw materials are available, said Song Sung Wook, President Director of PT GA Indonesia when visited by BKPM. (***)

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