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Visited by BKPM Chairman, South Korean Consortium Sends Nearly 1 Million PPE to BNPB

Jakarta, April 14, 2020 - After the visit of BKPM (the Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board) Chairman Bahlil Lahadalia to a number of South Korean Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) manufacturers in the first week of April 2020, BKPM received good news that as of today (6/4), 927,500 PPEs from a consortium consisting of six South Korean garment companies in West Java have been sent to the National Disaster Management Agency (BNPB).

During a visit to PT GA Indonesia and PT Daedong International in Bogor, the BKPM Chairman learned about the difficulty of increasing production due to raw materials shortage. Therefore, BKPM is committed to assisting in the transportation access of raw materials imported from South Korea and China.

BKPM Spokesperson Tina Talisa said that the six South Korean companies are earnest about increasing production to fulfill the needs in handling COVID-19. On the other hand, BKPM directly coordinates with related ministries/institutions to resolve barriers in the delivery of raw materials. "The BKPM Chairman has not only met this consortium once. He continues to monitor it, hence if there is any obstacle, the solution can be found immediately. To increase the production, the raw materials availability must be controlled," said Tina Talisa.

As of today, the South Korean garment consortium has sent a total of almost 1 million PPEs to the BNPB. "In fact, when we visited them on 4 April, they were only able to send 500 thousand PPEs, then in less than 2 weeks, almost 500 thousand had been successfully produced," Tina added.

PT GA Indonesia’s President Director Song Sung Wook as the consortium representative expressed his appreciation for BKPM’s solemnity. "Thank you for the fast response and its hands-on operation to ensure the availability of raw materials," he said via telephone.

The consortium of six South Korean garment companies located in West Java are members of the Indonesia-Korea Network (IKN) Foundation and the Korean Association Bandung. The consortium works together to accelerate the fulfillment of PPE needs in Indonesia.

The collaboration is carried out with the assistance and supports from both the Indonesian and South Korean government that allows the use of South Korean raw materials to produce PPE clothes for Indonesia. (*)

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