

## **PREAMBLE**

Solid waste management represents one of the challenges facing the nation as it progresses towards becoming a fully developed nation as envisaged under Vision 2020. In the nation's pursuit for economic and social development, the Government of Malaysia gives due priority to environment aspects in line with its commitment to pursue sustainable development. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government in its pursuit of an effective solid waste management system, conducted a study to establish the National Strategic Plan for Solid Waste Management for application up to the year 2020.

The Ministry, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, appointed Yachiyo Engineering Co. Ltd of Japan to conduct the study which was undertaken over the duration of 12 months from November 2001 to December 2002. A Technical Committee appointed by the Ministry, consisting of representatives from the Federal Government, State Governments, various Local Authorities as well as experts from local universities, was tasked to examine and review the study report prepared by the Consultant.

The study report was presented to the National Development Planning Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2004, which agreed in principle to the approach and recommendations of the study. The Committee proposed for the National Strategic Plan for Solid Waste Management to be submitted to the Cabinet for its consideration. The study report was presented at the Cabinet Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2005. At the meeting, the Cabinet approved the recommendations of the National Strategic Plan for Solid Waste Management.

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