



Obtaining the MSC Research & Development Grant Scheme (MGS)

One of the main goals of the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) is to catalyse and nurture a competitive cluster of Malaysian IT/multimedia companies that will become world class over time. Thus, the MSC offers an extremely competitive package of financial incentives through the MSC Research & Development Grant Scheme (MGS).

Administered by the Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC), the MGS has been formed to help innovative local companies, including joint venture companies, develop multimedia technologies and applications that will contribute to the overall development of the MSC. Only MSC-status companies that are at least 51 per cent Malaysian-owned are eligible to apply.

Priority is given to proposals that lead to the development of R&D products and services across the multimedia value chain and the MSC Flagship Applications. A grant of up to 70 per cent of the total project cost will be provided.

The approved amount will be determined by the merits of each case and repayment is not required. As of December 2001, a total RM49.75 million has been awarded to 24 MSC-status companies.

Application and Approval Process

- MSC-status companies are encouraged to discuss their proposed R&D project with the MGS Unit of MDC before submitting their applications. A non-disclosure agreement with the applicant will be signed upon submission.

- The application will then be screened for completeness. A Letter of Completeness will be sent to applicants who pass the pre-screening test while a Request For Information letter will be sent to applicants who had submitted insufficient information.
- Once the Letter Of Completeness has been issued, the Technology and Commercial Evaluation Committee will evaluate the application and submit their recommendations to the MGS Management Committee.
- The MGS Management Committee will make a decision based on the recommendations of the Technology and Commercial Evaluation Committee.
- The applicant will be notified of the outcome within 2 months of the issuance of the Letter Of Completeness.

The Technology and Commercial Evaluation Committee will then monitor the progress of each project, which involves a review of the Project Progress and Expensed Report on a quarterly basis, review of the Project Report upon completion of the project, a review of the annual MGS performance, and periodic visits to the R&D centres.

Applicants are requested to use the MGS Application Template in submitting their applications. The template can be downloaded from the MDC's website at www.mdc.com.my under the section for MSC-Status - R&D Grant Scheme.

For further inquiries and assistance, please contact the MGS Unit of the MDC at tel (603) 8318 8477, fax (603) 8318 8786 or e-mail: mgs@mdc.com.my

