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Financial aid for SMEs

The Multimedia Development Corporation (MDC) realises that small and medium enterprises (SMEs) require assistance in various aspects such as marketing and financial aid to enable them to grow. As such, MDC provides a list of sources of monetary support that SMEs can apply for:

MSC RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT GRANT SCHEME (MGS)

The MGS is designed to help innovative local companies and joint ventures to develop relevant multimedia technologies and applications, which would contribute to the overall development of the MSC.

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E-COMMERCE GRANT FOR SMES

The Scheme, introduced in 2002, provides assistance for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to integrate them into the mainstream of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in order to enhance their competitiveness in a liberalised market environment.

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DEMONSTRATOR APPLICATIONS GRANT SCHEME (DAGS)

DAGS was launched on April 21, 1998 and an allocation of RM50 million was set aside by the Intensive Research Priority Area (IRPA) for DAGS. The Secretariat of the National Information Technology Council (NITC) has been given the responsibility to administer and award the grant to projects that have been accredited as DAs.

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THE INDUSTRY R&D GRANT SCHEME (IGS)

The IGS is the Government's efforts aimed at building strong and innovative industrial technology capabilities

across all-important sectors of the economy for national socio-economic development through increased investment in R&D in Malaysia.

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COMMERCIALISATION OF R&D FUND (CRDF)

The Government established the CRDF as an added impetus towards the commercialisation of R&D activities on top of its heavy investments in R&D activities. The CRDF provides partial funding to R&D projects to be commercialised.

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TAF

The Technology Acquisition Fund (TAF) has been established by the Government to facilitate the acquisition of strategic and relevant technology by the Malaysian Industrial Sector. TAF provides partial grants to further promote efforts by the private sector to enhance their technology level and production processes.

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TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION FUND FOR WOMEN (TAF-W)

The Technology Acquisition Fund for Women (TAF-W) will allow greater access to financing for women entrepreneurs. TAF-W provides partial grant to further promote efforts by

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women entrepreneurs to enhance their technology level and production processes.

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E-MANUFACTURING GRANT - ERP

The E-Manufacturing Grant - ERP, introduced in 2002, provides assistance to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to use Information and Communication Technology (ICT) aimed at improving competitiveness, efficiency and productivity.

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INTENSIFICATION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANT (IRPA)

The Intensification of Research in Priority Areas (IRPA) programme was introduced in 1988 with the purpose of focusing research and development (R&D) activities on areas, which have potential for enhancing the national socio-economic position. In allocating grants for R&D projects, the National Council for Scientific Research and Development (MPKSN) adheres to several principles.

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GRANT FOR PRODUCT AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENT (ITAF 2)

Introduced in 1990, the Product And Process Improvement Grant (ITAF 2) provides assistance to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The objectives of ITAF 2 are the

improvement and upgrading of existing products, product design and processes.

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GRANT FOR UPGRADING ENGINEERING DESIGN CAPABILITIES

Introduced in 2002, the scheme provides assistance to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to enhance their engineering design capability. This would enable SMEs to carry out their own design in-house. The purpose of the scheme is to provide grants for SMEs to acquire related design software, hardware and training.

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GRANT FOR ROSETTANET STANDARD IMPLEMENTATION

Introduced in 2002, the RosettaNet Standard Implementation scheme provides assistance to local Electrical and Electronics (E&E) companies to implement RosettaNet, an Internet-based common messaging standard for global supply chain management. The RosettaNet enables companies in the supply chain/industry to communicate and conduct business electronically through common codes for sourcing of parts and components. The objective of the grant is to assist companies in the E&E sector in the acquisition of RosettaNet middleware, which include software, hardware and licensing fee to embrace global supply chain management system.

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