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Hon. Bernard Giluk Dompok
Minister
Ministry of Plantation Industries And Commodities, Malaysia

Bernard Dompok was born October 7, 1949 at Penampang, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. He graduated with Bachelor of Sciences in Land Admin from United Kingdom. He is a Registered Valuer and also a Fellow of Institution of Surveyors in Malaysia.

Currently Bernard Dompok is the Minister of Plantations Industries and Commodities. Prior to this he was the Minister In the Prime Minister's Department since 1999 to 2009. In 1998 to 1999 Bernard Dompok was the Chief Minister of Sabah. In 1995 to 1998, he was the Minister of Tourism and Environment in Sabah. He was the Deputy Chief Minister & Minister of Finance of Sabah in 1993 to 1994. He was nominated Member of State Legislative Assembly and Finance Minister of Sabah in 1985 to 1986. Presently Bernard Dompok is also the Member of Parliament in the Penampang Constituency in Sabah.

In 1995 Bernard Dompok was awarded the Knight Grand Commander of The Most Honourable Order of Kinabalu which carries the title 'Datuk Seri Panglima' by the Sabah State Government and he was bestowed the Knight of The Most Honourable of The Crown which carries the title 'Tan Sri' by the Federal Government of Malaysia in 1997.

Bernard Dompok is married to Puan Sri Datin Seri Panglima Diana Dompok and they are blessed with five children.

Dato' Lee Yeow Chor
Chairman
Malaysian Palm Oil Council

Dato' Lee Yeow Chor is currently the Chairman of the Malaysian Palm Oil Council. He is also the Group Executive Director of IOI Group of Companies which are involved in four core business sectors, namely, oil palm plantations, property development and investment, specialty fats and oils and lastly, oleochemical manufacturing. Outside Malaysia, IOI Group is a global player in the specialty fats and oils sector having manufacturing operations in Netherland, USA and Canada.

Prior of joining IOI Group as General Manager in 1994, he served in various capacities at the Attorney General's Chambers and the Malaysian Judiciary service for about 4 years.

Dato' Lee graduated in LLB with Honours from King's College London and was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn, London. He received his Postgraduate Diploma in Finance and Accounting from London School of Economics.

Dato' Sabri Ahmad
Chairman
Malaysian Palm Oil Board

In January 2007, Dato' Sabri was appointed as chairman of the Malaysian Palm Oil Board. Prior to that, he was the Group Chief Executive of Golden Hope Plantations Berhad. He joined Golden Hope in 1985 as Manager, Marketing & Research. He held several positions in the company prior to his appointment as Group Chief Executive in January 2004, including Group Director Industries, Group Director Agro Business and Group Director Overseas Operations / Marketing. Prior to joining Golden Hope, Dato' Sabri was attached to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Fisheries Department Food Authority Malaysia.

Dato' Sabri holds a Master of Science in Agricultural Economics from the University of London, has an Advanced Diploma in International Studies from the University of Rhode Island and attended the Advanced Diploma Management Programme at Oxford University.

Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Yusof Basiron
Chief Executive Officer
Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC)

Dr. Basiron graduated in Chemical Engineering and holds two Masters Degrees in Industrial Management and Business Administration and also a PhD in Applied Economic and Management Science. He was the Director General of MPOB for 14 years, and now CEO of MPOC, besides being Board Member of CBIP (Milling), TH Plantations, Felda Holdings and presently Chairman of Twin River Technologies, USA an investment unit of Felda. He is also currently the President of Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM).

Datuk Dr. Mohd Basri
Director General
Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB)

Datuk Dr. Mohd Basri Wahid has an Executive MBA degree from AIM, Manila; PH.D from University of Guelph, Canada and M.SC and B.SC from Lincoln College New Zealand.

He began his career as an Agriculture Officer in Department of Agriculture from 1978 - 1982. Later in 1982, Datuk Dr. Mohd Basri joined MPOB (PORIM) as a research officer in the Biology Division of PORIM and since joining PORIM/MPOB his excellent contribution to the organization as well as to the palm oil industry has earned him respect and recognition from the management. He has quickly moved up the ladder of management through becoming Group Leader, Head of Unit, Director of Biology Division, Deputy Director General and now the Director General of MPOB, a position he holds since January 2006.

Datuk Dr. Mohd Basri is a fellow of the Malaysian Academy of Sciences, an Honorary Professor of The University of Nottingham, Board member of FELDA and Felda Plantations Sdn. Bhd., and a Trustee of MPOC Council. He holds several patents and is a life member of the Malaysian Plant Protection Society, a member of Entomological Society of Malaysia, MARS, AIM Club and alumni member of Lincoln University.

Thomas Mielke
Executive Director
ISTA Mielke GmbH, Oil World

Thomas Mielke joined the OIL WORLD team in the mid seventies after he had studied economics at the University of Hamburg. He specialized in global commodity analyses and market research on supply, demand and prices of oilseeds, oils, fats and oil meals. He devotes most of his analyses to soybeans, sunflowerseed and rapeseed and the respective products as well as to palm oil.

Since 2002 he is Executive Director of ISTA Mielke GmbH in Hamburg (Germany), where OIL WORLD is produced. Thomas Mielke has given more than 240 lectures and talks in conferences and workshops all over the world and is happy to take your questions. The WEEKLY and daily FLASH reports may be obtained from the internet at www.oilworld.de . Founded back in 1958, OIL WORLD is recognized worldwide as the independent, authoritative and unbiased information provider for oilseeds, oils and oil meals.

From 1993 until 2007 Thomas Mielke was a member of the Programme Advisory Committee of the Malaysian Palm Oil Board, advising the Malaysian industry and exporters about global supply, demand and price developments of vegetable oils and oil meals, thus assisting them in better positioning themselves in the marketing of palm oil, palm kernel oil and palm kernel meal.

Anne Frick
Senior Oilseed Analyst
Prudential Bache Commodities

Anne Frick is the Senior Oilseed Analyst and Supervisory Analyst with Prudential Bache Commodities, LLC in New York. She has spent her entire career, to date, in futures research, beginning with The Pillsbury Company and then managing E.F. Hutton's Futures Research Department before moving to Prudential. She has extensive experience in economic analysis, price forecasting and risk control strategies in oilseed and product markets, for which she produces daily research reports. She holds an MBA degree in Finance and International Business from the Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University. She can be reached at anne.frick@bache.com.

Don Grubba
Global Sustainability Director
IOI Group

Don Grubba received his bachelor of sciences from Rutgers University, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. He obtained his Masters Business Administration in Finance at DePaul University in Chicago. He previously served as Chief Operating Officer Loders Croklaan USA and is currently Global Sustainability Director, IOI Group and Executive Board Member, Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO).

Dr. Pramod Khosla
Associate Professor,
Department of Nutrition and Food Science
Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

Dr Khosla has been on the faculty at Wayne State since 1996. He has been working on diet and lipoprotein metabolism for almost 20 years. Additionally, he has been doing research on palm oil since 1989. After obtaining his PhD from the University of Western Ontario in Canada, he did post-doctoral research at Brandeis University in the USA, with Professor KC Hayes. It was at Brandeis, that a series of studies in non-human primates, led to the formulation of the “threshold hypothesis” which in addition to establishing the pivotal role of linoleic acid in modulating cholesterol levels, paved the way for various human studies which have documented the “neutrality” of palm oil (in normocholesterolemic humans consuming diets that are currently advocated by most health agencies). These studies as well as an early non-human primate kinetic study showing that trans fatty acids were worse than palm oil, have provided the scientific rationale for palm oil being an ideal choice for fat formulations, requiring a solid-fat content. At Wayne State, recent collaborative studies by Dr Khosla’s group, were one of the first to document the appearance of supplemental palm oil-derived tocotrienols in various human lipoprotein fractions. Dr Khosla is the author of some fifty original articles and has consulted extensively for the oils and fats industry for some fifteen years

K. C. Hayes
Professor of Biology (Nutrition)
Brandeis University, Waltham/Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. Hayes is the author or co-author of more than 190 reports, 24 chapters, and 187 abstracts, the following of which are the most recent. He has served on a number of advisory boards for nutrition companies over the years, and is co-inventor on 12 patents. Several discoveries in his lab currently have marketplace applications, eg. discovery of a taurine requirement for cats and infant primates led to taurine inclusion in all cat foods and human infant formulas. ALPO cat food originated from research in his lab, and currently most supermarkets in the USA carry SMART BALANCE, a trans fat-free margarine designed to improve the LDL/HDL ratio. In addition, recent studies have led to phytosterol-supplemented snack foods that reduce plasma cholesterol, products now available in the US market.

Dr Eric Westman
Director
Lifecycle Medicine Clinic
Duke University Medical Center

Dr. Eric C. Westman is an Associate Professor of Medicine at Duke University, and Director of the Duke Lifestyle Medicine Clinic. He combines clinical research and clinical care regarding lifestyle treatments for obesity, diabetes, and tobacco dependence. He is internationally known for his work on low-carbohydrate nutrition. He is currently the Vice President of the American Society of Bariatric Physicians, and a Fellow of the Obesity Society and the Society of General Internal Medicine

Dr Gerald McNeil
Director of Research & Development
Loders Croklaan

Dr. McNeill is currently Director of Research and Development for the oils and fats division of Loders Croklaan NA, with responsibility for the roll-out of Loders comprehensive line of zero-trans fats and oils products. He joined Loders Croklaan from Unilever Research UK, where he led a team to develop enzyme based processes for the modification of fats and oils, and initiated a discovery program for the development of nutritional lipids. Prior to Unilever, Dr. McNeill carried out various aspects of fats and oils research at public research institutions including the USDA (Philadelphia), Hannover University (Germany) and Nagoya University (Japan). Dr. McNeill took his doctoral degree in biochemistry at Galway University, Ireland.

Thomas R. Tiffany
Senior Technical Sales Manager
Archer Daniels Midland Company

Tom Tiffany is the Senior Technical Sales Manager for ADM Food Oils. Tom has a B.S. from Illinois State University in Biology and Physical Geography. Tom graduated in 1992 from the University of Illinois with a Masters of Science in Food Chemistry, with emphasis on Lipid Chemistry. In 1992, he joined ADM in Decatur, IL where he has worked for the Food Oils Division. Tom is active in the American Oil Chemists Society (AOCS) and is past president of the AOCS North Central Section.

Andrew Bungler
Director of Sales
Fuji Vegetable Oil

Andrew Bungler is the Director of Sales at Fuji Vegetable Oil, Inc. He has been working for 11 years at the same company. He graduated with a B.A. in political science from Washington and Lee University. After living in Germany for three years returned to the U.S. to trade rubber chemicals for a firm based in New York and then joined Fuji in 1997.

Bob Johnson
Team Director of Research & Development
Bunge

Mr. Johnson received degrees in Food Science from Iowa State University (B.S.) and from Pennsylvania State University (M.S.). After joining Bunge as a Project Leader in R&D, Mr. Johnson continued his education via the American Institute of Baking Certified Baker Program and The Biscuit & Cracker Manufacturing Association Course. He has also taken courses in Spanish and Russian language. Most recently Mr. Johnson has completed his MBA with Olivet Nazarene University.

In his 15 years in Edible Oil Research, Mr. Johnson has worked to develop functional bakery shortenings and margarines as well industrial frying shortenings. He has been heavily involved in the development of low trans products as well as lower saturate products for many of the leading food manufacturing companies in North America.

Mr. Johnson is currently the Team Director of Product Development R&D in Bradley, Illinois.

In addition to his involvement in the food industry, Mr. Johnson enjoys time with his wife, two sons and their dog. He enjoys coaching baseball and soccer.

Dr James Fry
Managing Director
LMC International

Dr Fry, LMC's Chairman, was educated at Oxford University, where he obtained an MA in Mathematics and a Doctorate in Economics. After teaching Economics at Magdalen College, Oxford University, in 1980 Dr Fry jointly founded LMC International, and is the company's Chairman. He continues to devote almost all his time to the company's research and consultancy activity and he is in overall charge of its work in commodity-based sectors.

Mark Winkle, Ph.D.
Senior Director of Domestic Programs
United Soybean Board

Mark's responsibilities with the United Soybean Board include administrative oversight of the management services to the Board. In this capacity, Mark leads staff efforts for all U.S. domestic programs including Domestic Marketing, New Uses and Production Agriculture to ensure the strategic and tactical direction set forth by the Board is successfully accomplished. Mark also provides lead staff support for the Biotechnology and Sustainability initiatives, and provides strategic counsel to the QUALISOY Board.

Before joining USB-SmithBucklin, Mark worked for Cargill Hybrid Seeds/Mycogen Seeds in various capacities since 1993. His positions with Cargill/Mycogen included Trait and Grain Sorghum Product Manager, Pesticide Trait Manager and Certified Crop Advisor. Mark also worked for Monsanto's Agricultural Group for 13 years as manager of Roundup Technical Development in the U.S. and as Country Manager/Product Development for Canada.

He holds a B.S. in Biological Sciences and a Master's degree in Agronomy (Cytogenetics), both from the University of Missouri—Columbia. He also has a Ph.D. in Agronomy (Weed Science) from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. Mark is a member of the American Seed Trade Association and Independent Seed Trade Association.

JoAnne Buth
President
Canola Council of Canada

JoAnne Buth is the President of Canola Council of Canada. She has worked with the agricultural sector in research, communications and management for both government and private industry. Most recently she was Vice President of the Canola Council and prior to joining the Council she held several management positions within the provincial government agriculture department. JoAnne has chaired many government and industry policy working groups. The Canola Council is an industry association representing all sectors of the Canadian canola industry value chain. The Canola Industry vision is to be innovative, resilient and determined to create superior value and a healthier world.

Brian Young
Principal
Element Strategic Partners

Mr. Young is a founder and principal of Element Strategic Partners, LLC, a renewable energy consulting firm specializing in public funding strategy, business development and due diligence. Formerly, Mr. Young was Director of International Business Development at Imperium Renewables and a member of its strategic development team. As one of IRI's original employees, Mr. Young spearheaded the development of the company's logistics capabilities, feedstock procurement framework, corporate sustainability criteria and communications, and long-term research and development project planning and execution. Mr. Young is Vice Chairman of the National Biodiesel Board's Sustainability Task Force. Prior to his work at Imperium, Mr. Young was a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy working in naval operations and engineering. He holds a B.S. from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

Stefan Unnasch
Managing Director
Life Cycle Associates

Stefan Unnasch is a Managing Director with Life Cycle Associates, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in the analysis of fuels and clean energy technologies. He examines the fuel cycle energy inputs and emissions from conventional and evolving fuel production technologies. Over the past 25 years he supported state, Federal, and international efforts to examine the greenhouse gas impacts of conventional and alternative fuels including California's Zero Emission vehicle program and Low Carbon Fuel Standard. His current work includes assessments of the process integration, cost, and market potential of cellulose based ethanol production and life cycle assessments of petroleum and advanced biofuels

Previously, he was a project manager at Acurex Corporation and its successors. He analyzed alternative energy technologies ranging from alanate hydrogen storage to zinc air batteries, built a biomass gasification system, and managed alternative fuel bus programs. Stefan received a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

Jeffrey M. Trucksess
Executive Vice President
Green Earth Fuels

Jeff Trucksess is an Executive Vice President and founder of Green Earth Fuels, LLC. Green Earth Fuels is one of the largest biodiesel producers in the United States, with a 90 million gallon per year biodiesel production facility in Houston, Texas. Green Earth is partnering in the development of a palm plantation in Central America. Green Earth Fuels also owns and operates a joint-venture, Sustainable Oils, LLC, a seed company commercializing low input, dedicated energy crops such as Camelina and Jatropha. Prior to joining Green Earth Fuels, Mr. Trucksess served as the Clean Energy Program Director for an Austin, Texas-based business development and lobbying firm, Good Company Associates, where he directed legislative, regulatory, and business development efforts for clients in a wide range of alternative energy and clean technology industries. He has worked with communities throughout North America to help establish positive legislative and regulatory environments, including renewable portfolio standards and other incentives, either as part of deregulation legislation, or independently, to foster industry growth.

Mr. Trucksess serves on the Board of the Southwestern Biofuels Association and the National Biodiesel Board, on the National Biodiesel Board's Sustainability Task Force, and as the Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for the Biodiesel Coalition of Texas.

Alan Weber
Advisor to National Biodiesel Board

Mr. Alan Weber is a founding partner of MARC-IV, a consulting company that specializes in the development of industrial products from agricultural resources. Active with biodiesel commercialization activities since 1991, Mr. Weber assisted with the establishment of the National Biodiesel Board's Washington, DC office and continues to provide economic & technical support to their efforts. He was also active in the formation of the Thomas Jefferson Institute for Crop Diversification, a nonprofit organization created to examine and commercialize nontraditional crops, which offer excellent potential for the development of specialized industrial products.

Weber is a recipient of the National Biodiesel Board's Industry Outstanding Commitment Award as well as the 2007 Outstanding Service Award. He was also selected to the Columbia, MO Business Times "Forty Under Forty" Class of 2005 Award. Weber has served as President of the Board of Directors for the Agricultural Leadership of Tomorrow Foundation and currently serves on the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Ag Alumni Association Board. Weber completed his undergraduate training in agricultural economics at the University of Missouri, graduating with honors, Summa Cum Laude. He completed his Masters in Agricultural Economics in the same department.