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## EVALUATION OF THE RELATIVE EFFICIENCY OF GAS STATIONS BY DATA ENVELOPMENT ANALYSIS

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### ABSTRACT

This research study is conducted on evaluating the relative efficiency of 36 gas stations in Kedah. In this project, the efficiency was determined by using Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) which transforming multiple inputs into multiple outputs. Based on the result we get, it shows that there are only four efficient gas station with efficiency score of 1 (GS 1, GS 2, GS 6, and GS 28), whereas another 32 gas stations are not efficient with the efficiency score in range between 0.0398 to 0.8884. So, the efficient gas stations will become the benchmark or the reference set to the inefficient gas stations in order to improve their efficiency using project determination. This means that, management should minimize the inputs so that it could be balanced with the outputs production in order to improve or increase the gas station's efficiency.

Keyword: Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA), Efficiency, Performance

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Nowadays, energy and fuel are prominent elements in the development of the industrialized countries. The history of the beginning of the drive-in filling station era is a bit gray. According to Jones (2003), a station is referred to by various popular names including filling station, gasoline or gas station or service station, which is a place where a variety of automobile services are provided, in 1920 to post World War II.

Pees (2004) stated that early dispensing was done in various ways. Filling and measuring depended on the capacity of cans, buckets, drums which were used at first, then on to portable rotary pumps and on to actual gauges, graduated columns and meters. Also early sales of gasoline were carried out as sidelines by hardware merchandisers, drug stores, general stores, liveries (Zolli & Summer, 1994), and by curbside vendors and even by salesmen pushing the gasoline around in carts equipped with hoses. As the demand grew, brand names began to be highly visible and oil companies built fancy accommodations (the spic and span gasoline station) to serve their trademark gasoline to the motorists. The new pumps were modern-looking devices in their day and by having the oil company logo on the crown they were attractions in themselves.

In Malaysia, because of having a lot of oil sources, oil and petroleum products play important and strategic role in the economy of the country. The gas station are directly involved in distributing petroleum products and operated by dealers who are appointed by oil companies such as PETRONAS, Shell, Caltex, BH Petrol, and Petron. In August 2013, there were 3291 gas stations and 332 mini stations. Most stations supply grade RON95 and RON97 petrol at varying prices. It also supply diesel and Natural Gas Vehicles (NGV) for transport vehicles such as lorries, trailers and busses (Malaysian Productivity Corporation, 2014)

Moreover, gas stations in Malaysia also provide motoring oils and other lubricants for motorists. Fuel and petrol or diesel is not the only commodities which gas station provides service to the Malaysian. Service stations supply motor or vehicles other motoring needs such as battery water, engine or lubricating oils of all sorts and