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PROPOSED LABUAN-MENUMBOK BRIDGE:

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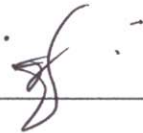
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In order to achieve the status of developed country, Malaysian government had done so many things especially in term of development facilities provides to the people. Many government projects such as hospitals, police station, tall buildings and so forth had been built in order to fulfill the needs of the Malaysians. Therefore, this study is also focus on one of the proposed government projects which is the Proposed Labuan-Menumbok Bridge. This study aims to see the perception among the locals towards the impacts of the bridge in term of economic and social that will be face by the locals itself. With the existence of this study, it was hope that the government can see the importance to take the locals views towards any government project as the findings would be useful for the respective parties in order to evaluate the favorable of each project to the government and to the people itself as a whole.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The construction of long-awaited 17km bridge linking the mainland and Labuan may soon become a reality. The Labuan-Menumbok bridge is a new planned bridge which connecting Labuan Island and Menumbok in Sabah, Malaysia. This bridge was first mentioned in the Labuan Development Plan (1997-2015) during the time Tun Daim Zainuddin was Finance Minister. The bridge is expected to be build up to 17 kilometer and enough to accommodate motor vehicles and thus Labuan was in urgent need of the link. (Skyscapercity, 2009, Jan 14)

The proposal to build a bridge between Labuan and Menumbok will be studied under the 10th Malaysian Plan. It was proposed that the bridge is going to be build from Tanjung Aru in Labuan to Membakut at Sabah, while for the estimated cost is to be around RM 550 million. The feasibility study on the bridge is being undertaken by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and the government has allocated RM5 million for the study and it is expected to be completed soon. (Skysrapercity, 2009, January 14) Furthermore, the construction for the proposed bridge is expected to be beneficial not only for Labuan and Sabah' peoples, but also for neighboring Sarawak and Brunei.

In order to make this research more meaningful, the perception of locals in Labuan is really important and crucial to take into government consideration before the construction of the bridge is started. Perception is the process of attaining awareness or