

VICOM TO SET UP VEHICLE EMISSIONS LAB

1 April 2009 - VICOM, in collaboration with the Land Transport Authority (LTA), will be setting up a laboratory dedicated to the measurement of vehicle emissions and fuel efficiency come October 2009.

Named VICOM Emission Test Laboratory (VETL), this new facility is the first of its kind in South-east Asia and will be located at VICOM (Bukit Batok) Inspection Centre. The project is expected to cost about \$5.8 million – half of which will be funded by LTA.

When completed, VETL will offer a range of services, including certification of vehicle emission standards and measurement of fuel economy in accordance to international standards for vehicles (with gross vehicle weight of less than 3.5 tonnes) driven by various propellant types.

Through its fuel-efficiency testing capabilities, the laboratory will also complement the newly-launched Fuel Economy Labelling Scheme, which requires all new cars to be labelled with their fuel-efficiency information. Parallel importers will find VETL useful in adhering to the scheme, as they would not have to turn to overseas laboratories for the relevant certification.

VICOM looks forward to undertaking more projects that contribute towards a cleaner environment on the roads of Singapore.