## **Executive Summary**

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Background	Electrical and Electronic Waste (E-Waste) generated by domestic sector is fast growing with continuous technological advancement, affluent lifestyle and better living standards in Sabah. Examples of household consumer E-waste include scrap computers, televisions, refrigerators, washing machines, air-conditioning system.
	E-Waste, if not treated in a proper way, can give rise to a number of threats to the environment and human health. E-Waste containing chemicals and metals such as lead, cadmium, chromium, mercury, polyvinyl chlorides (PVC), brominated flame retardants and so forth can give rise to serious environment and health problems.
	On the other hand, a proper recovery system for E-Waste can conserve resources, minimise contamination issues and create business and job opportunities.
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Study Objectives	Main Study Objective: To develop an integrated E-waste management plan to ensure proper and holistic management of E-waste in Sabah
	<ul> <li>Specific Study Objectives:</li> <li>i. To establish an inventory of E-waste (generated and projected) in Sabah for the next 10 years (2013-2022), including the source, amount and types;</li> <li>ii. To study existing management of E-waste, including outlining any constraints and barriers in recovery;</li> <li>iii. To study the feasibility of developing facility(ies) for E-waste collection, recovery and disposal;</li> <li>iv. To formulate policy and assess the needs for specific regulation(s) and economic instruments for integrated E-waste management;</li> <li>v. To develop a practical strategy action plan in E-waste management for the State of Sabah; and</li> <li>vi. To develop programs in promoting education, awareness and training to key target groups in E-waste management.</li> </ul>



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Existing Management and Barriers	<ul> <li>Field surveys, workshops and meetings were carried out under the study to investigate the existing management of E-waste in Sabah. The current management of E-waste in Sabah is informal, involving a certain level of informal scrap metal recycling and also disposal to landfills and dumping sites.</li> <li>Some major barriers identified from the study are: <ul> <li>Absence of a policy in E-waste management system;</li> <li>Lack of clear responsibility allocation in E-waste management;</li> <li>Lack of qualified personnel and equipment for dismantling E-waste;</li> <li>Lack of knowledge on dismantling and recovery potential; and</li> <li>Lack of approved E-waste recycling facilities in Sabah. High costs involving local collection and transportation; and shipping to Peninsular Malaysia.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Proposed Policy on E- Waste Management	<ul> <li>A proposed policy to guide the future integrated management of E-Waste in Sabah was formulated. The main aspects considered for the policy setting included: <ul> <li>Compliance with international treaty such as Basel Conventions;</li> <li>Compliance with all relevant national policies and regulations;</li> <li>In line with national policy and directions on E-waste management;</li> <li>Holistic management including full recovery and safe disposal;</li> <li>Principles considered: Polluter Pays, Extended Producer Responsibility; and</li> <li>Funding mechanism and use of economic instruments.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Strategic Action Plan	Based on the strategic thrusts of the proposed policy, a set of action plans consisting five main categories were drawn and this can be summarized in the diagram below:
	<ul> <li>1. To develop an E-waste data management system</li> <li>2. To conduct on the job training for relevant stateholders on the E-waste data management aystem</li> <li>3. Rottness ongoing environmentalimoniforing</li> <li>4. Enforcement of relevant regulations</li> <li>5. Annualinational reporting and audit</li> <li>6. Explore initis and continuation DOE's ECN.</li> <li>7. Linkup with Chemistry Department, Malayaia and enforcement environment states and body or air, soil water sources in Statiah</li> <li>1. To organize E-waste awareness raising adviration</li> <li>1. To organize E-waste awareness raising adviration</li> </ul>
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Legal and Institutional Set Up	The study recommends that the main regulation on prohibitions, transportation and recycling to be governed by federal laws while the control of local issues such as collection points to be regulated using local government by-laws. The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment is proposed as the lead agency on policy, awareness and linkages to national system while the Ministry of Local Government and Housing shall be the lead for the physical implementation. Roles and responsibilities of other stakeholders have also been identified and recommended.
Economic Analysis of Management Options	<ul> <li>The study performed an economic assessment of three possible options:</li> <li>Option 1 (collection): Collect and ship out to a facility in Peninsular Malaysia</li> <li>Option 2 (partial recovery) : Collect, partial dismantle and ship out to Peninsular Malaysia</li> <li>Option 3 (full recovery) : Collect, dismantle and recover in Sabah</li> </ul>
	Preliminary estimates indicate that Option 1 provides the best option in view of the small quantity of E-wastes collected initially and minimum investments in facilities and treatment costs. It is proposed that Option 1 is implemented in the short term of 1-3 years while the potential of Option 2 can be reviewed year 3 onwards. There are further opportunities to reduce the costs of Option 1 by enhancing the efficiency of collection rates, reducing the cost of shipment and maximizing the space per container. For Option 3, due to the low

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	volume and high capital and operating cost, it is not likely to be feasible unless implemented as part of a full scale regional scheduled waste treatment facility in Sabah (not existing and requires detail feasibility assessment).
Way Forward	The setting up of a formal E-waste management system in Sabah is proposed to be staged according to the following timeline:
	<ul> <li>24-36 months period</li> <li>Pilot collection system in KK &amp; Sandakan</li> <li>Collection system with "incentives"</li> <li>Sabah government to raise fund to cover gap of transportation</li> <li>Awareness and promotion</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Stage 2 (Link up to National System)</li> <li>24-36 months (to be sustained and carried on)</li> <li>Linkage to national fee recycling fund system (EPR, recycling fee etc.)</li> <li>Management and responsibilities of State and Local Government defined and implemented</li> <li>Continuous reporting</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Stage 3 - Extension</li> <li>Extension</li> <li>System for collection from sensitive areas e.g. islands</li> </ul>
	For Stage 1, a financial gap of approximately RM 6.5 million was identified to enable the collection and transportation of E-waste to Peninsular Malaysia. Apart from federal and state funding, the study has also identified future funding opportunity through an international climate change funding under NAMA (National Appropriate Mitigation Action) mechanism.