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KUCHING: Citaglobal Berhad, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Citaglobal New Energy Sdn Bhd (CGNE), has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with TNB Power Generation Sdn Bhd (TNB GENCO) and TIZA AI Sdn Bhd to explore the development of a dedicated off-grid power supply solution for a proposed artificial intelligence (AI) data centre park in Gebeng, Pahang.

Under the MoU, CGNE and TNB GENCO will jointly develop the proposed power supply solution for the AI Data Centres and Digital Infrastructure Park, which TIZA AI plans to develop on Citaglobal's 247-acre land in the Gebeng Industrial Area, Kuantan.

The proposed development is expected to require electricity supply of up to 1,300 megawatts (MW), which must be met through an off-grid supply following the Data Centre Task Force (DCTF) approval notified by the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry on Sept 7, 2026.

TNB GENCO, the power generation arm of Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), will lead the development of the power supply facilities, while CGNE will contribute its renewable energy expertise, battery energy storage systems (BESS) under its local brand MYBESS, and local project development capabilities.

Under the proposed arrangement, both parties would develop, own and operate the generation facilities through a joint venture company before supplying electricity to the AI data centre park.

The proposed power solution may comprise gas-fired generation, solar photovoltaic generation and battery energy storage facilities located within or adjacent to the development site.

Feasibility studies will determine the technology mix, generation capacity, fuel supply arrangements, infrastructure connections and development phases based on the projected electricity demand of the data centre park.

Citaglobal executive chairman and president Tan Seri Datuk Seri (Dr.) Mohamad Norza Zakaria said the DCTF approval for the project, with a maximum electricity demand of up to 1,300MW, was a vote of confidence in Pahang's potential as a destination for AI infrastructure.

"We thank the Data Centre Task Force, co-chaired by the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Digital, for approving the Gebeng AI Data Centre Park, with a maximum electricity demand of up to 1,300 MW.

"The approval is a strong vote of confidence in Pahang as Malaysia's next frontier for AI infrastructure," he said.

He said the development had the potential to attract high-value investment, create skilled employment opportunities and provide opportunities for local contractors, suppliers and service providers. He added that the group intended to develop a local talent pipeline and an AI and digital ecosystem around Gebeng.

TNB president and chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shamsul Ahmad said energy readiness must progress alongside Malaysia's digital economy growth.

"Through TNB GENCO, we are leveraging our extensive power generation expertise to explore innovative and integrated energy solutions that balance reliability, affordability and sustainability," he said.

Meanwhile, Citaglobal executive director and group chief operating officer Datuk Aimi Aizal Nasharuddin said the collaboration would extend the group's New Energy business into dedicated power supply for data centres. CGNE would contribute its BESS capabilities under the MYBESS brand to complement TNB GENCO's power generation expertise.

"Through CGNE's participation in the joint venture, it offers the Group the prospect of long-term recurring income from electricity supplied to the AI Data Centre Park," he said.

The MoU is valid for one year and provides a framework for the parties to conduct feasibility studies and negotiate definitive agreements.

However, it does not commit the parties to develop the facilities or supply or purchase electricity.

Implementation remains subject to satisfactory feasibility studies and due diligence, definitive agreements, as well as the necessary board, shareholder and regulatory approvals.

Equity participation, investment, financing, generation capacity, tariffs and electricity offtake terms have yet to be agreed.

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(Seated, from left) TNB managing director Datuk Shahrir Abdul Latiff, Citaglobal executive director and group chief operating officer Datuk Aimi Aizal Nasharuddin , and TIZA AI chief executive officer Datuk Fakhrunniam Othman during a photo op.

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