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## Use of micro electro mechanical system applications in 2008

THE mechanisation of agricultural activities within the Northern Corridor Economic Region (NCER) will get a shot in the arm next year, when Mimos Bhd offers precision agriculture technology to farmers operating within the economic belt.

Mimos president and chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Wahab Abdullah said the use of micro electro mechanical system (MEMS)-based applications in soil monitoring systems is one way of increasing the yield and quality of agriculture produce.

"We also intend to offer our grid computing solutions within the Eastern Economic Corridor — which is strong in the areas of culture and the arts — to develop the animation industry," he told a media briefing in Langkawi on Thursday.

The Sweet Corn Commercial Farming Project at Bukit Tinggi in Kedah currently serves as one of the pilot projects under the NCER to enhance the agri-business sector and improve socio-economic development in Kedah.

The transformation of agriculture into a modern, dynamic and competitive sector is a major strategy under the Ninth Malaysia Plan.

The government plans to introduce large scale commercial farming, modern agricultural practices, and better quality crops with high value-add.

Abdul Wahab said Mimos will engage the state information and communications technology councils nationwide in determining which of Mimos' flagship technologies can best complement the government's efforts in promoting the national economic corridors.

The areas include cyberspace security, advanced informatics, encryption systems and commu-

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nication technologies.

"We want to empower the economic corridors with technology to drive their respective flagship activities," Abdul Wahab said.

"Even the batik and songket industries in states like Kelantan and Terengganu can tap into Mimos grid computing solutions," he added.

Mimos' KnowledgeGRID Malaysia project offers computing and collaborative resources in areas like bioinformatics, product design, manufacturing, multimedia, defence and public safety, along with natural disasters and climate studies.

Meanwhile, Abdul Wahab also said that Mimos has filed 34 patents so far, and is targeting to file 50 by year-end.

"We have 243 patent disclosures to date and intend to use these as our 'scorecard' when talking to institutions in other countries about collaboration," he added.

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