

The Institute's activities, covering 12 technical activity areas, are as follows:

1. Industrial Research
 - (a) Research and Development
 - (b) Engineering Testing
 - (c) Scientific Testing
 - (d) Industrial Design and Fabrication

2. Standards and Standardisation
 - (a) Standards Development
 - (b) Standards Promotion and Implementation
 - (c) Quality Assurance and Certification
 - (d) Metrology

3. Industrial Consultancy Services
 - (a) Industrial Extension
 - (b) Industrial Liaison
 - (c) Technical Information
 - (d) Technical Publications

SIRIM provides specialised assistance in the development of technology in the metal working industries in Malaysia through the Metal Industry Technology Centre (MITEC) and Metal Industry Research and Development Centre (MIRDC).

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Reference available at PIDC include 1.6 million patent documents obtained from all over the world.