

3) **Lam Soon Oil and Soap Manufacturing (S) Pte Ltd** is a local company that deals in vegetable oils and fats. They undertake R&D in palm oil and is especially strong in developing cocoa butter substitutes and other specialty fats.

They have expressed an interest in engaging in technology transfer.

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4) **Polysar Asia Pacific** was established to provide technical service and product and application development to support the Polysar synthetic rubber business in Asia Pacific. Further developments will encourage analytical and research activities that will focus on the petrochemical needs of the region.

The firm is a subsidiary of Polysar of Canada and thus did not express any interest in technology transfer.

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5) **Union Carbide Asia Pacific Inc** has been set up as a research and development facility to provide technical support and consultancy services for Union Carbide's manufacturing operations in the region. It will develop, supervised by technical experts, new chemical products as well as improve existing ones to suit the regional climate and conditions. The facility will concentrate its R&D in the emulsion polymer business, solvents-based coating polymers, organosilicones, water soluble polymers and biocides. Future plans are to establish links with academic and research institutions in Singapore for mutually beneficiary research endeavors.