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5.0 INTRODUCTION

The quantity surveying body of knowledge in general is beset with the lowest levels of both development of newer knowledge and in research and development. This is because quantity surveying is seen by many to be a profession that emphasizes the application of vocational knowledge and skills in construction economics, the focus being to achieve economies in the procurement of new construction and in repair and maintenance works.

Traditionally, institutions of higher learning that offer quantity surveying programmes at certificate, diploma and/or bachelor degree levels are more concerned with getting accreditation and maintaining the same for their programmes by professional quantity surveying bodies⁵². This is because

⁵² In Malaysia the professional bodies concerned are the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia and the Institutions of Surveyors Malaysia.

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LEGAL EDUCATION FOR QUANTITY SURVEYORS: PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES

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4.0 INTRODUCTION

Quantity surveying, as a profession, assumes an important position in the construction industry as it is required to provide clients with advice and services associated with procurement, value and cost of projects from inception to completion, contract administration and project management. Quantity surveyors also provides clients with costing and work with projects from inception to demolition across a wide range of schemes besides the construction industry including those in Civil Engineering, Offshore Engineering, Oil and Petrochemical Industries. Due to the diversification and changing needs in the profession of the quantity surveyors and the construction industry, it is important to produce well qualified and competent graduates to meet the challenges and the increasing demand of the profession³³. This paper seeks to set out the rationale for incorporating legal education for quantity surveyors profession and suggests suitable legal

³³ N.Zakaria et.al., "Malaysian Quantity Surveying Education Framework", Quantity Surveying, Corporate Information provided by The Institution of Surveyors Malaysia, Internet Version accessed at http://www.ism.org.my/1_public