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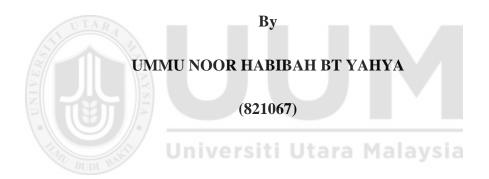
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ABSTRACT

Stress is an emergent occupational problem in the modern society. Contending with stressful situations in the workplace is a common occurrence for all employees in manufacturing company. The purpose of this study was to identify the level of job stress among production operators at one of manufacturing company in Gelang Patah, Johor. The study also attempted to determine if there were any significant in the respondent's level of job stress when the independent variables are work load, work environment, co-worker relationship and social support. A total of 100 production operators participated in this survey. The findings of this study showed that work load and work environment does significantly influence on job stress while co-worker relationship and social support does not significantly influence on job stress.

Keyword: Workload, Work Environment, Co-worker Relationship, Social Support, Job Stress

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ABSTRAK

Tekanan kerja merupakan masalah pekerjaan yang semakin menular di kalangan masyarakat moden. Menghadapi keadaan yang tertekan merupakan perkara yang biasa untuk semua pekerja terutamanya dalam industry pembuatan. Tujuan kajian ini adalah untuk mengenalpasti paras tekanan kerja di kalangan pengendali pengeluaran di salah satu syarikat pembuatan di Gelang Patah, Johor. Kajian ini juga dijalankan untuk mengenalpasti sama ada terdapat hubungan yang signifikan terhadap tahap tekanan kerja pengendali pengeluaran berdasarkan beban kerja, suasana kerja, hubungan rakan sekerja dan sokongan social. Hasil kajian ini menunjukkan bahawa tekanan kerja manakala hubungan rakan sekerja dan sokongan social tidak mempunyai kesan yang signifikan terhadap tekanan kerja.

Kata kunci: Beban kerja, suasana kerja, hubungan antara pekerja dan sokongan sosial.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

The development of an organization nowadays leads to the high demand for workers to increase their productivity in carrying out the task in an organization. As we know that workers are the driving force and main pillars in an organization's development. Therefore, if they failed to increase their productivity, it will cause a failure to the organization in achieving the goals. There are several factors that affecting their productivity such as workload, work environment, co-worker relationship, social support, and so on. If these factors do not manage well by the management, it will lead to job stress. Long times ago, the term of job stress may be rarely heard or spoken among Malaysians compared with Western society but today, it has become a daily word for us.

In any organization, regardless of public or private organizations, there are workers who often subjected to job stress and often exposed to the causes of job stress such as production operators in factories. Those who are in this position always bound to give high commitment and focus on their job. Mistakes and failures to work well by production operators will cause them to do the same job repeatedly and sometimes, these mistakes will cause them to be scolded by their leaders. Such situations will cause them to depression and automatically their productivity will be decreased. Stress is a recent phenomenon and is often related

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APPENDIX A

QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGN



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Dear Respondent,

I am inviting you to participate in a research project which is being conducted as a partial fulfillment to the requirement for the Master of Science (Management) in Universiti Utara Malaysia.

The purpose of this research is to determine the influence of workload, work environment, coworker relationship, and social support towards job stress. Along with this letter is a short questionnaire that asks a variety of questions about workload, work environment, coworker relationship, social support, and job stress. The questionnaire is bilingual (English and Malaysia).

Your honesty and sincerity are required in answering the questions. Please feel free to answer because there is no right or wrong answer. All of your responses will remain confidential and will be used for the research purposes only.

Your time and cooperation are highly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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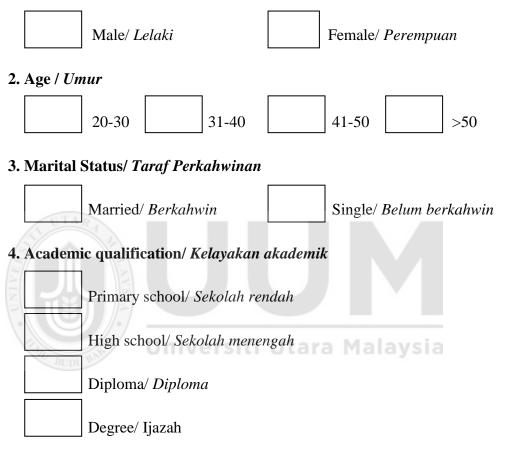
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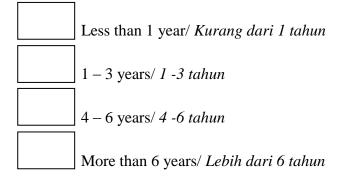
Please tick ($\ / \)$ in the appropriate boxes that corresponds to the question below.

Sila tanda (/) di dalam ruang yang disediakan berdasarkan soalan di bawah.

1. Gender / Jantina



5. How long have you been working in the company? / Sudah berapa lama anda bekerja di organisasi ini?



Section B: Workload

Bahagian B: Beban Kerja

Please tick in the box with the most appropriate answer to you

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|--------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------------|
| Strongly | Disagree/ | Neutral/ | Agree/ | Strongly |
| disagree/ | Tidak setuju | Neutral | Setuju | agree/ |
| Sangat tidak | | | | Sangat setuju |
| setuju | | | | |

| No. | Question/ Soalan | A | nswe | r/Ja | iwap | an |
|-----|--|----|------|------|------|----|
| 1. | My supervisor is not helpful enough | | | | | |
| 2 | Penyelia saya tidak cukup membantu | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. | My colleagues are unfriendly | | | | | |
| ND | Rakan sekerja saya tidak begitu peramah | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. | I feel unpleasant with the way of my colleague | | | | | |
| (E) | treated me when do the work | av | sia | | | |
| | Saya berasa tidak selesa dengan cara rakan | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | sekerja saya melayan saya sewaktu bekerja | | | | | |
| 4. | I feel that I have too much responsibility | | | | | |
| | Saya berasa saya mempunyai terlalu banyak | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | tanggungjawab | | | | | |
| 5. | I find difficulty in finding enough time to relax | | | | | |
| | Saya berasa sukar untuk mendapatkan waktu yang | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | cukup untuk berehat | | | | | |
| 6. | I am so depressed when I think about all task that | | | | | |
| | need my attention | | | | | |
| | Saya berasa tertekan setiap kali memikirkan | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | tugasan yang memerlukan perhatian saya | | | | | |
| 7. | There is constant pressure to work every minute | | | | | |
| | with limited opportunity to relax | | | | | |
| | Peluang rehat yang terhad menimbulkan tekanan | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | yang berterusan untuk setiap minit waktu bekerja | | | | | |

Section C: Work Environment

Bahagian C: Persekitaran Kerja

Please tick in the box with the most appropriate answer to you

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|--------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------------|
| Strongly | Disagree/ | Neutral/ | Agree/ | Strongly |
| disagree/ | Tidak setuju | Neutral | Setuju | agree/ |
| Sangat tidak | | | | Sangat setuju |
| setuju | | | | |

| No. | Question/ Soalan | _ | Α | nsw | er/ | |
|-------|---|---------|---|---|-----|---|
| 15 | | Jawapan | | $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | | |
| 1. | The arrangement of work desk is good | 7 | | | | |
| I A P | Susun atur meja kerja adalah baik | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. | The size of the work space is very conducive | | | | | |
| - | Saiz ruang kerja adalah bersesuaian | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. | I am satisfied with the temperature at my work place | si | a | | | |
| | Saya berpuas hati dengan suhu di tempat kerja saya | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. | I am satisfied with the lighting at my work place | | | | | |
| | Saya berpuas hati dengan pencahayaan di tempat | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | kerja saya | | | | | |
| 5. | I am satisfied with the internet access at my work | | | | | |
| | place | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Saya berpuas hati dengan kemudahan internet di | | | | | |
| | tempat kerja saya | | | | | |
| 6. | I am satisfied with the availability of the work gadget | | | | | |
| | Saya berpuas hati dengan kemudahan peralatan kerja | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. | The noise at my workplace is very low | | | | | |
| | Bunyi bising di tempat kerja saya adalah sangat | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | rendah | | | | | |

Section D: Coworker relationship

Bahagian D: Hubungan rakan sekerja

Please tick in the box with the most appropriate answer to you

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| Strongly | Disagree/ | Neutral/ | Agree/ | Strongly |
| disagree/ | Tidak setuju | Neutral | Setuju | agree/ |
| Sangat tidak | | | | Sangat setuju |
| setuju | | | | |

| No. | Question/ Soalan | | Answer/ | | | | | |
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| | | | $ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | | | | | |
| 1. | I have good relationships with my coworkers Saya mempunyai hubungan yang baik dengan rakan sekerja saya | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| 2. | My coworkers and I cooperate well with each other Saya dan rakan sekerja dapat bekerjasama dengan baik | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| 3. | The more I interact with my coworkers the better I enjoy my job Lebih banyak saya berinteraksi dengan rakan sekerja lebih seronok saya bekerja | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| 4. | My coworkers positively affect my mood Rakan sekerja saya memberi pengaruh yang positif kepada emosi saya | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| 5. | My coworkers and I interact positively on the job Saya dan rakan sekerja berinteraksi secara positif terhadap hal kerja | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| 6. | I enjoy the time I spend on the job with my coworkers Saya seronok menikmati waktu bekerja dengan rakan sekerja saya | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |
| 7. | I feel lucky to be working with the people that I do Saya berasa bertuah dapat bekerja dengan orang yang saya selesa | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | |

Section E: Social Support

Bahagian E: Sokongan Sosial

Please tick in the box with the most appropriate answer to you *Sila tanda di dalam kotak dengan jawapan mengikut kesesuaian anda.*

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| Strongly | Disagree/ | Neutral/ | Agree/ | Strongly |
| disagree/ | Tidak setuju | Neutral | Setuju | agree/ |
| Sangat tidak | | | | Sangat setuju |
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| No. | Question/ Soalan | Aı | ıswe | r/Ja | wap | an |
|-----|--|---------|------|------|-----|----|
| 1. | I regularly spend time with my coworkers outside of work hours Saya selalu meluangkan masa bersama rakan sekerja saya diluar waktu bekerja | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. | I always discuss important personal problems with my coworkers Saya selalu berbincang tentang masalah peribadi dengan rakan sekerja saya | 1 si | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. | My supervisor is not willing to listen to my job-related problems Penyelia saya tidak mahu mendengar masalah saya yang berkaitan dengan kerja | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. | My supervisor can be relied on when things get tough in my job Penyelia saya boleh bertolak ansur apabila saya menghadapi kesukaran dalam kerja | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. | My family does not show a lot of concern in my job Keluarga saya tidak prihatin dengan kerja saya | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. | My family gives helpful advice to me in completing the job <i>Keluarga saya memberikan nasihat yang berguna</i> <i>kepada saya dalam melaksanakan kerja</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7. | My friends can share the joys and sorrows with me Kawan-kawan saya sudi berkongsi suka dan duka | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Section F: Job Stress

Bahagian F: Tekanan Kerja

Please tick in the box with the most appropriate answer to you

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|--------------|--------------|----------|--------|---------------|
| Strongly | Disagree/ | Neutral/ | Agree/ | Strongly |
| disagree/ | Tidak setuju | Neutral | Setuju | agree/ |
| Sangat tidak | | | | Sangat setuju |
| setuju | | | | |

| No. | Question/ Soalan | | | Answer/ | | | | | |
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| 15 | | | Ja | wap | an | | | | |
| 1. | I feel working here makes it hard to spend enough time | | | | | | | | |
| TA I | with my family | | | | | | | | |
| NO | Saya berasa bekerja disini menyukarkan saya untuk | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| - | meluangkan waktu dengan keluarga saya | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | I spend so much time at working place | ia | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Saya meluangkan banyak masa di tempat kerja | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| 3. | I spend less time for other activities since working here | | | | | | | | |
| | Saya sukar meluangkan masa untuk aktiviti lain sejak | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| | bekerja disini | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | I feel like I never have a day off | | | | | | | | |
| | Saya berasa seolah-olah saya tiada hari cuti | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| 5. | Too many of people at my level in the company get | | | | | | | | |
| | burned out by job demand | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| | Terlalu ramai rakan sekerja yang lain yang tertekan | | | | | | | | |
| | dengan tugasan kerja | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | Sometimes when I think about my job I feel like myself | | | | | | | | |
| | so burden | | | | | | | | |
| | Kadang-kadang apabila saya memikirkan tentang kerja, | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
| | saya berasa diri saya terlalu dibebani | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | I feel guilty when I take time off from job | | | | | | | | |
| | Saya berasa bersalah setiap kali saya bercuti dari kerja | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | |
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