

Scientex starts operations of Malaysia's largest BOPP film manufacturing plant

- *Partners leading Japanese producer of biaxially oriented polypropylene (BOPP) film to manufacture top quality consumer packaging*
- *Targeting import substitution in Malaysia and larger exports to Asia Pacific*

Shah Alam, Selangor, Malaysia, 29 September 2016 - Global packaging manufacturer **Scientex Berhad** (Scientex, 森德公司) today inaugurated operations of its new BOPP film manufacturing plant - the largest such facility in Malaysia - in Pulau Indah, Selangor.

The new plant, boasting an annual production capacity of 60,000 metric tonnes (MT), was constructed in collaboration with Futamura Chemical Co., Ltd. (Futamura), a leading plastic films manufacturer and the largest BOPP film manufacturer in Japan. The plant was built at a cost of RM220 million, and is equipped with state-of-the-art machinery from Japan Steel Works, Ltd., capable of wider-web and higher-speed film production.

The plant was officially opened by Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry Yang Berhormat Datuk Haji Ahmad bin Haji Maslan in the presence of consular representative of Japan in Malaysia Mr Kohei Nakamura, and Futamura President Mr Yasuo Nagae together with Scientex Chairman Tan Sri Dato' Mohd Sheriff bin Mohd Kassim, Managing Director Mr Lim Peng Jin, and Executive Director Mr Choo Seng Hong.

"Today's plant inauguration marks an important milestone for Scientex, as it combines Japan's technological prowess with Scientex's manufacturing efficiency to produce high quality BOPP film for domestic and regional markets in Asia Pacific.

We look forward to fulfilling anticipated strong market demand, as Malaysia presently imports most of its BOPP requirements due to a shortage in local supply. We also strive to capture new growth opportunities in the regional markets.

This is certainly a pivotal moment for our consumer packaging business, as we are now one step ahead in realizing our target of becoming a leading single-source provider of international-quality consumer packaging films in the region."

Mr Lim Peng Jin (林炳仁)
Managing Director of Scientex Berhad

BOPP film forms the protective outer layer of flexible consumer packaging, and is commonly used in the food and beverages industry.

Futamura holds a 10% shareholding in Scientex Great Wall Sdn Bhd (SGW), the Group's consumer packaging unit, and would purchase approximately one third of the new plant's annual BOPP film production.



Lim said that the Group is actively targeting growth in sales to local and regional players.

“We have been aggressively marketing our high-performance BOPP film to several packaging players both domestically and regionally, and have also conducted product trials with them. We are pleased to receive commendable feedback to date, and look forward to commence supply to them in the near term,” Lim concluded.

About Scientex Berhad (森德公司, www.scientex.com.my)

Scientex Berhad (Scientex) is a leading industrial packaging manufacturer and a reputable property developer in South Malaysia. Scientex is also the largest stretch film producer in Asia and among the world’s largest producers with a production output of 120,000 MT annually.

Established in 1968 as a PVC cloth and leather manufacturer, Scientex today produces stretch film, consumer packaging (blown film, BOPP film, and CPP film), PP strapping bands, form-fill & seal (FFS) bags, polypropylene (PP) and polyethylene (PE) woven and laminated bags, raffia tapes, flexible intermediate bulk containers (FIBC), polyurethane (PU) adhesives and polymer materials such as laminated products, TPO and PVC sheets for automotive interior parts and solar encapsulant films.

To date, Scientex has manufacturing facilities in Malaysia and Vietnam; as well as sales and marketing arms in Japan, Indonesia, and Singapore. Approximately 75% of its manufacturing products are exported to over 60 countries worldwide.

Scientex’s property arm has township development projects in Pasir Gudang, Kulai, Skudai, Senai, and Pulai, all in Johor, and in Ayer Keroh, Melaka. Its township developments are the 1,100-acre Taman Scientex Pasir Gudang, the 250-acre Taman Scientex Kulai I, the 48.4 acre Taman Scientex Kulai II, the 150-acre Taman Mutiara Mas, Skudai; the 250-acre mixed development of Taman Scientex Senai in Johor, the 326-acre Taman Scientex Pulai in Johor, and the 137-acre Taman Muzaffar Heights in Ayer Keroh. To date, Scientex has delivered more than RM2.6 billion worth of properties and has projects-in-hand of RM1.5 billion.

About Futamura Chemical Co., Ltd.

Futamura Chemical Co., Ltd. was incorporated in 1950 and is a leading consumer packaging market player in Japan. Its principal place of business is at Nagoya City, Japan. It involves in the manufacture of various types of films including polypropylene film, linear low-density polyethylene film, polyester film, cellulose film and non-film based products such as non-woven fabric, fibrous casing, activated carbon, phenol resin laminate sheets and saccharine products.

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