

Scientex 3Q net profit up 47% to RM10m

SCIENTEX Bhd's net profit for the third quarter ended Apr 30, 2008 rose by 47% to RM10.3 million from RM7 million in the same quarter last year.

Revenue rose by 10% to RM165.6 million from RM150.3 million previously.

In a statement made in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, Scientex attributed the stronger financial performance to vibrant property sales of its flagship project, Taman

Scientex in Johor as well as improved performance from its manufacturing businesses.

Group managing director, Lim Peng Jin, said the results reflected the success of its strategy to focus on enhancing competitiveness in each core business to ensure long-term sustainable earnings growth.

"The group's property division is anchored by its 193.6ha development, Taman

Scientex, where about 40% of the project has been developed.

"The group also has another 100ha mixed residential and commercial property development in Kulai — Scientex Kulai, which is expected to contribute positively to the group's revenue during the second half of this year.

"These two ongoing developments are expected to generate gross development value of RM1.3 billion for

Scientex over the next eight to 10 years," he said.

Lim said Scientex, via its subsidiary, Scientex Packaging Bhd (SciPack), had teamed up with Japan-based Tsukasa Chemical Industry Co Ltd to expand its operations in Vietnam.

"The joint venture entails both parties to inject US\$1 million (RM3.25 million) each into SciPack's existing packaging entity in Vietnam, Woventex Co Ltd, to expand

its capacity and product range.

"Tsukasa Chemical will own 25% and Scientex 75% in the joint venture.

To reflect the new ownership structure, the company name will be changed to Scientex Tsukasa Co Ltd," he said.

He said the current facility would be expanded to produce a new product range for the local and export markets.

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