

Scientex FY08 net profit up 36% to RM48m

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KUALA LUMPUR: Scientex Bhd's net profit surged 36% to RM47.89 million for its year ended July 31, 2008 (FY08) from RM35.18 million in FY07 on the back of better operational performance and an RM11.8 million negative goodwill.

Revenue rose 7% to RM656.58 million from RM613.09 million on higher sales contribution from

the manufacturing division, while earnings per share rose to 24.24 sen from 18.29 sen. It proposed a single-tier final dividend of 10% or five sen per share, to be paid on Jan 15, 2009.

Scientex said operating profits improved 13.9% to RM45.8 million from RM40.2 million, and the RM11.8 million negative goodwill was derived from the completion of corporate exercises undertaken by the group after setting off certain

non-operating expenses incurred in respect of the financial year.

"These results reflected the successful execution of the group's consolidation exercise to enhance earnings and operational efficiency to ensure long-term sustainable growth for the group.

"With prudent financial management and a strong balance sheet, we have the capacity to tap into any opportunities for our future business expansion," manag-

ing director Lim Peng Jin said.

"We expect our manufacturing margin to stabilise in view of weakening raw material prices. We will launch more products to gain larger market share worldwide," he said. Net profit for the fourth quarter more than doubled to RM21.8 million on the back of RM167.6 million revenue.

The stock closed two sen lower at RM1.13 yesterday with 44,500 shares done.