



Scientex's Q2 Pre-tax Profit Increases To RM79.85 Million

KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- Scientex Bhd's pre-tax profit for the second quarter ended Jan 31, 2016 (Q216) rose by 68.8 per cent to RM79.85 million from RM47.30 million in the same period last year.

Revenue increased to RM545.43 million from RM462.87 million previously, it said in a filing to Bursa Malaysia today.

Scientex said the higher revenue was largely contributed by the manufacturing segment with RM402 million.

"This is due to the higher consumer packaging products in both local and export markets and contribution from the newly-acquired Scientex Great Wall Ipoh Sdn Bhd (SGW Ipoh).

"Our focus on affordable property sales and expansion of consumer packaging operations has enabled us to sustain our earnings in the quarter under review, amidst challenges in the property and consumer sectors in both domestic and regional markets," it said.

On prospects, the group said, it remained optimistic that demand for both industrial and consumer packaging products for the current year would be sustainable.

Scientex said it would focus on its affordable housing projects in Pasir Gudang, Kulai and Senai as they were expected to be the mainstay for its earnings growth.

In a statement, Managing Director, Lim Peng Jin, said Scientex's aggressive focus on affordable property sales and continuous expansion of consumer packaging operations had enabled it to sustain the earnings in Q216.

He said the company aimed to build upon this commendable performance.

"Scientex is certainly on a higher growth plane to stamp our mark as a leading consumer packaging provider in the coming years.

"We have allocated RM30 million to expand the production capacity of SGW Ipoh by 50 per cent to 18,000 metric tonnes per annum with new machines expected to be commissioned at year-end," he said.