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Scientex net profit jumps to RM54.13m in Q4



KUALA LUMPUR: [Scientex Bhd](#)'s net profit rose 10.6% to RM54.13mil in the fourth quarter ended July 31, compared with RM48.91mil in the same period last year.

The industrial packaging and property company recorded revenue of RM561.1mil against RM452.5mil recorded in the preceding year

corresponding quarter.

Scientex's manufacturing revenue recorded was RM372.7mil, an increase of 16.5% compared to RM319.9mil in the preceding year corresponding quarter. The increase was mainly attributed to the higher contribution from the consumer packaging products as well as contribution from the newly acquired SGW Ipoh.

However, profit from operations decreased to RM15.9mil from RM24.8mil mainly due to the lower product margins.

Property revenue recorded was RM188.4mil compared to RM132.6mil in the preceding year corresponding quarter, an increase of 42.1%.

For the full financial year ended July 31, Scientex posted a net profit of RM240.9mil, up 52.3% from RM158.2mil previously. Its revenue rose 22.2% to RM2.2bil from RM1.8bil a year ago.

In respect of FY16, Scientex proposed a final single-tier dividend of 10 sen per share, subject to approval by shareholders at the upcoming AGM.

Scientex managing director Lim Peng Jin said that the strong outperformance was the result of organic and inorganic expansions in the group's consumer

packaging operations, as well as the broadening of its clientele.

“Scientex is making excellent headway in the consumer packaging segment. FY16 growth was propelled by expansions in our polyethylene (PE) film production capacity and larger clientele across the region.

“In September 2016, we will commission our new biaxially oriented polypropylene (BOPP) film plant, which will enable us to sell a more comprehensive range of consumer packaging films. This would also allow us to further grow our market share in the food and beverage (F&B) market in Malaysia and Asia Pacific,” he said in a statement.

Lim said with this, Scientex would emerge as a fully integrated single-source supplier of both industrial and consumer packaging products in Asia Pacific, synonymous with high quality and product innovation to meet increasing demand in the region.

“Complemented with steady demand for the group’s affordable properties in Johor, we are confident that our growth momentum would be sustained going forward,” he said