

KELINGTON EYEING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE MALAYSIA

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 25 (Bernama) -- Kelington Group Bhd will be looking at opportunities outside Malaysia to maintain its double-digit growth, said Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Raymond Gan.

"Malaysia is still our homeground. It will provide a slow and stable growth, but in order to record a double-digit growth, we have to look outwards," he told reporters after the company's annual general meeting (AGM), here today.

"We are happy with the current local market but combined with our overseas resources, we hope we can achieve better growth," he said.

Kelington is a specialist in the design and installation of delivery systems for ultra-high purity (UHP) gas and chemicals. It is embarking on a horizontal integration strategy to expand its scope of services and will consider strategic acquisitions when a good opportunity presents itself.

Earlier this year, the group acquired Singapore-based Puritec Technologies (S) Pte Ltd, a company specialising in the design and installation of delivery systems for exhaust, which is a waste material produced by high-technology manufacturers during production processes.

Gan said: "We are very selective in the acquisitions that we pursue, and do so specifically to add portfolio of services that are highly complementary to our core business and enhance the value we deliver to our customers.

"A case in point is the acquisition of Puritec, which allowed us to leverage on our engineering expertise to tap into a new market segment.

"This brings the group another step closer to our goal of becoming one of the most integrated delivery system solution providers in the region."

Kelington has successfully established a regional presence such as in China, Taiwan and Singapore.

Over the next few years, it aims to expand its competency base horizontally to include delivery systems design and installation for ultra-pure water and vacuum.

Currently, Kelington is a leading provider of UHP gas and chemical delivery systems for a broad spectrum of industries namely wafer fabrication, flat panel display manufacturing, solar energy, light emitting diode and storage media. Its income stream is balanced across the diverse industries it operates in.

Meanwhile, at the AGM, shareholders approved a final tax exempt dividend of 4.0 sen, representing 36 per cent of its 2011 net earnings, and a one-for-one bonus issue.

The dividend is payable on Aug 8, 2012 while the ex-date for the bonus issue will be determined later.

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