

Kelington Group posts record high quarterly net profit of RM19m on significant growth in key markets

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KUALA LUMPUR (Aug 18): Kelington Group Bhd (KGB) posted a net profit of RM19.07 million or 2.96 sen per share in the second quarter ended June 30, 2023 (2QFY2023), up 41% from RM13.56 million or 2.11 sen per share a year ago, following significant growth in all its key operating markets.

This is the engineering solutions provider's highest quarterly net profit in its history, the company said in a statement on Friday (Aug 18).

Revenue rose 36% to RM424.91 million from RM312.4 million in 2QFY2023, with the ultra high purity (UHP) division continuing to be KGB's primary revenue contributor, accounting for 68% of its total revenue.

In terms of geographical breakdown, the company, which is engaged in the business of providing engineering services and general trading, gets most of its revenue locally (39%), followed by Singapore (39%), China (18%) and Taiwan (2%).

Quarterly revenue from Malaysia rose 12% to RM165.8 million from RM148.0 million in 2Q2022, mainly driven by one UHP project and one process engineering project, both of which were awarded during the second half of FY2022.

Meanwhile, revenue from Singapore increased 57%, China 51% and Taiwan 22% year-on-year.

KGB declared a first interim dividend of 1.5 sen per share for FY2023, payable on Oct 2.

On April 21, the company paid the second and final interim dividend of 1.5 sen per share for FY2022, amounting to RM9.65 million.

For the first half ended June 30, KGB's net profit increased 61% to RM35.25 million or 5.48 sen per share, from RM21.86 million or 3.40 sen per share a year ago, while revenue surged 51% to RM733.84 million from RM485.73 million.

KGB's shares closed five sen or 3.3% lower at RM1.46, translating into a market capitalisation of RM944.7 million.

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