

Kerjaya Prospek's revenue, net profit rise in Q2

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KUALA LUMPUR: Kerjaya Prospek Group Bhd recorded an increase of 10.65% in net profit to RM31.57 million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2023 (Q2'23) compared with RM28.54 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous year, due to higher progress billings underpinned by improved construction works.

Revenue rose 11.69% to RM309.28 million compared with RM276.92 million in the same quarter last year.

For its six-month period, net profit increased 6.25% to RM60.98 million from RM57.40 million. Revenue jumped 5.02% to RM606.52 million from RM577.51 million, mainly due to higher progress billings as a result of improvement in progress of construction work activities.

For the period, the group's construction segment continued to be the main revenue contributor at 99.8% and the trend is expected to continue.

It declared a second interim single-tier dividend of 2 sen per share in respect of the financial year ending Dec 31, 2023, payable

on Oct 6. This brings the total dividend declared to date to 4 sen per share for the current financial year.

CEO and executive director Tee Eng Tiong (*pic*) said that following the full resumption of construction site activities and the increased in workforce given the inflow of foreign workers, the group's financial performance is slowly returning to pre-pandemic levels with continuous revenue recognition from its construction segment.

He added that year to date, the group has secured a total of RM983.8 million worth of contracts, which included a RM404.4 million contract from BCM Holdings Sdn Bhd for construction works in relation to a proposed residential development project in Kuala Lumpur.

"We are now very close to achieving our target win of RM1.2 billion worth of contract for this financial year and will continue our efforts to reach our goal. We are also gradually expanding towards infrastructure projects with our two recent contracts

received from Eastern & Oriental Express Sdn Bhd and Persada Mentari Sdn Bhd with accumulative sum of RM46 million.

"These contract wins essentially showcase the industry's confidence in Kerjaya's execution strength, expertise and track record. With this, the group's outstanding order book stood at RM4.5 billion as of June 30, 2023," Tee said.

He added that with the conclusion of the recent state elections, the group is positive that Malaysia will achieve political stability and attract more foreign direct investments (FDI).

"The increase in FDI may, therefore, translate into more construction job opportunities for Kerjaya Prospek in the near

future," he remarked.

Kerjaya Prospek will launch its new project, Yakinland Development, in the second half of this year.

As at June 30, the group's balance sheet remained healthy with a net cash of RM203.7 million and a current ratio of four times.

