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SCIENTEX ON TRACK FOR RECORD REVENUE

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SCIENTEX Bhd is en route to hitting a record revenue exceeding RM3.7 billion in its financial year ending July 31, to be driven by healthy demand for its packaging and property development products.

The company posted its highest quarterly revenue of RM993.8 million in the three months ended April 30, up 1.7 per cent from RM976.8 million previously.

However, its net profit fell 19.6 per cent to RM88.33 million in the same period from RM109.88 million a year ago.

Despite the strong revenue performance, higher raw material prices and freight costs for the consumer packaging business and lower property development contribution resulted in the lower profit.

Of the total revenue in the third quarter, its packaging division contributed 75.4 per cent, or RM749.7 million — a 11.6 per cent increase from RM671.5 million previously — on healthy sales of industrial and consumer packag-

ing products.

The property development segment contributed 24.6 per cent, or RM244.2 million, of total revenue — a 20 per cent drop from RM305.3 million previously — due to deferment of certificates of completion and compliance for southern region projects.

For the nine-month period ended April 30, Scientex's net profit fell 9.4 per cent to RM284.89 million from RM314.58 million a year ago.

On the company's outlook, chief executive officer Lim Peng Jin said Scientex was innovating sustainable and value-added packaging products for customers as the global sustainability agenda picked up pace.

He said the company was also investing in new technology to future-proof its operations.

Scientex's new robotic stretch film facility, the first of its kind in Asia, is expected to commence operations in the second half of this year.

On affordable housing developments, Lim said the company had adopted a cautious approach for all new project launches this year.