

Scientex Q1 net profit rises to RM107m, thanks to packaging and property arms

PETALING JAYA: Scientex Bhd's net profit rose 4.18% to RM107.18 million in the first quarter ended Oct 31, 2022 (Q1'23) compared with RM102.87 million for the same quarter last year, driven by revenue growth in its packaging and property divisions.

Revenue increased 10.96% to RM1.03 billion from RM928.17 million during the corresponding quarter in the previous year.

CEO Lim Peng Jin said the packaging division registered 5.58% revenue growth to RM715.96

million from RM678.1 million previously, on firm consumer packaging demand in Southeast Asia and Oceania, mitigating lower industrial packaging sales as global customers remained cautious on trade sentiment.

He added that the property division posted 25.53% higher revenue of RM313.92 million versus RM250.08 million previously, driven by healthy construction progress for the group's property developments across Peninsular Malaysia, as well as strong demand for new

homes launches in Tasek Gelugor in Penang, Jasin in Malacca, and Pulai and Kota Tinggi in Johor.

On outlook, Lim said global uncertainties and elevated operating costs caused by supply chain disruptions as well as elevated inflation remain key themes and could affect global packaging demand in the near term.

"Notwithstanding these, Scientex continues to strengthen our operational and supply chain efficiencies, as well as upgrade our capabilities to

maintain competitiveness. In our property division, we have lined up several new phases of launches across our developments in Peninsular Malaysia which will leverage on branding, pricing and locations," he said in a statement yesterday.

During its AGM yesterday, shareholders approved a final dividend of five sen per share for its financial year in 2022 (FY22). Together with an earlier paid interim dividend of four sen per share, the estimated total dividend payout of RM139.6 million constitutes 34.1% of FY22 net profit.