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KYM INVESTS RM23 MILLION FOR CAPACITY EXPANSION AND PLANT MODERNISATION

Kuala Lumpur, 27 January 2017 – Malaysia’s largest industrial paper sack manufacturer KYM Holdings Bhd (KYM, 金控股) will invest RM23 million to increase the production capacity of its Industrial Bags Division in 2017 to support the increasing demand from its existing customers as well as to meet requests for supply from new customers. The RM23 million expansion project will involve an investment in a new paper sack production line specifically catering to the needs of the Asian cement market. Furthermore as part of the expansion, the company will be enlarging and upgrading its existing facilities in Tapah, Perak.

KYM, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Hasrat Meranti Sdn Bhd (“Hasrat Meranti”), has signed an agreement to purchase several state-of-the art machines for the production of industrial paper sacks from Windmoeller & Hoelscher (“W&H”), Germany. These machines will constitute a completely new production line specifically catered to the needs of Asia’s cement market.

This new investment will boost the company’s current annual capacity by a further 50% to 230 million paper sacks per annum from the current 150 million paper sacks per annum. The new line is expected to be installed at the Hasrat Meranti Tapah plant and operational in Q1 of 2018.

“The investment in the new line continues the KYM Group’s strategy to focus on manufacturing. This segment has always been strong for KYM. We are good at manufacturing and we are focusing on what we are good at.

The new line is specifically tailored for the production of cement sacks. We continue to focus on making the best possible products for our customers using the best materials, in the best manner using the best technology and equipment with the best people. The technology transfer from partners in the European region is part of KYM’s practice of continuous learning and improvement.

The investment is part of our commitment to our customers to provide them with the best paper sacks using technology to provide better quality and innovative alternatives to existing products. This focus on Quality improves our customers’ productivity, reduces their waste and reduces the impact on safety and health in their operating environments.”

Mr Lim Tze Thean (林时田)
CEO of KYM Holdings Bhd

In 2012, Hasrat Meranti installed South East Asia's first high volume Windmoeller & Hoelscher line in its new Tapah plant to increase its capacity by 1.5 times to 150 million paper sacks per annum. The plant quickly reached full capacity as the demand for the high quality and reliable product realised cost savings for its customers through improvements in operational efficiency and vastly superior environmental conditions.

Hasrat Meranti has since emerged to be the largest independent paper sack producer in South-East Asia, with a market share of 40% of the cement packaging market in Peninsular Malaysia and exports to various countries in South Asia.

Information on KYM Holdings Bhd (金控股)

KYM Holdings Bhd ("KYM"), through its subsidiaries, is a specialist in the manufacture and sale of high-quality multi-wall industrial paper sacks and corrugated carton boxes.

Incorporated in 1982, KYM was principally involved in manufacturing and marketing of industrial paper bags and paper egg trays in South Malaysia. Today, KYM is the leading independent manufacturer of multi-wall industrial paper bags in Malaysia and the Asian Region.

Information on Hasrat Meranti

Hasrat Meranti was incorporated in Malaysia on 18 June 1991 and is wholly-owned subsidiary of KYM Holdings Bhd, a public company listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities. Hasrat Meranti is a globally recognised leader in the manufacture and provision of multiwall paper sack packaging solutions.

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