

Good Progress on OM Holdings Smelter in Johor

OM Holdings Ltd expects the ongoing engineering design work for its manganese alloy smelter and sinter ore plant in Tanjung Langsat Industrial Complex in Johor to be completed in the third quarter of this year. The project comprises a manganese alloy smelter with a capacity of 66,000 tonnes per annum and a sinter ore plant with a capacity of 300,000 tonne per annum. The company's wholly-owned subsidiary, OM Materials (Johore) Sdn Bhd has spent about RM72 million on the project, including RM65.5 million to acquire a 40ha plot of land for the project. To date, the project's earthworks, water supply and communication piping infrastructure have been completed.

According to OM Holdings, its Phase II investment in Malaysia would involve the setting up of a large-scale manganese and

ferro silicon alloy smelting complex in Samalaju Industrial Park within the Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy in Bintulu. The US\$502 million smelter will have an annual production capacity of 600,000 tonnes. The project's earthwork is over 65% completed, and commercial production is expected to commence no later than the first quarter of 2014 and full production a year later.

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