

Gunung Capital to buy 80pc of Pusaka Hijau

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Gunung Capital Bhd (formerly known as Taiping Super Bhd) has proposed to acquire 80 per cent stake in Pusaka Hijau Sdn Bhd, strengthening further its venture into the renewable energy sector.

In a statement today, Gunung Capital said it was set to expand its mini-hydro aspirations in view of the Energy, Water and Green Technology Ministry's continuous support in providing an economically-viable platform for investments in the renewable energy sector.

Executive chairman and chief executive officer, Datuk Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz Syed Abdul Fasal, said the long-term stable income stream derived from the mini-hydro projects would reduce the company's dependency on incomes solely from chartering land-based transportation assets and specialty vehicles.

"The initial earning contributions from the mini-hydro sites are expected to commence early 2016," he said.

He said the company was looking to meet its targeted 12-14 per cent internal rate of return for each mini-hydro project. Pusaka, via its 60 per cent-owned unit, Perak Hydro Renewable Energy Corp Sdn Bhd (PHREC), is principally involved in developing, maintaining and operating mini hydro plants (up to an installed capacity of 30MW).

PHREC was mandated by the Perak state government as the master developer and overall coordinator for the mini hydro plants development in the state that resulted in Water Rights Agreement in December 2012.--
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