

## New Hoong Fatt Q2 earnings down 5.7%

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Automotive replacement parts maker New Hoong Fatt Holdings Bhd (NHF) saw its net earnings and revenue drop due to lower demand in the local market, according to the company in a Bursa Malaysia filing.

The group' net profit for its second quarter ended June 30, 2015 dipped 5.7% to RM5.1mil from RM5.4mil the same period last year, while revenue was down 9% to RM51.6mil from RM56.8mil a year ago.

However, its profit before tax increased 18% from to RM7.2mil from RM6.1mil last year as it enjoyed lower operating expenses and favourable impacts from foreign exchange rates.

For its first half, the group's earnings rose 19.7% to RM9.5mil from RM7.9mil a year ago, also due to lower operating expenses and favourable impacts from foreign exchange rates. However, revenue was down 2.8% to RM99.9mil from RM102.7mil attributed to lower demand.

Its trading segment's revenue fell 19.3% to RM26.4mil from RM32.7mil a year ago while its manufacturing division posted a 23.7% improvement to RM53.7mil from RM3.4mil.

Moving forward, the group expects to face stiff competition in the local and overseas markets, uncertainty in oil prices and the weakening ringgit against the dollar.