

New Hoong Fatt 1Q net profit up 34.6% on higher revenue, forex gain

KUALA LUMPUR (May 16): New Hoong Fatt Holdings Bhd (NHF) posted a 34.6% increase in net profit for the first quarter ended March 31, 2017 (1QFY17) to RM7.37 million or 9.81 sen per share from RM5.48 million or 7.28 sen per share a year earlier, on higher revenue achieved and favourable impact from foreign exchange rate.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia today, the company said it registered a foreign exchange gain of RM86,000 in 1QFY17 compared with a foreign exchange loss of RM1.98 million in 1QFY16.

Quarterly revenue grew 14.3% to RM62.47 million from RM54.64 million in 1QFY16 on higher demand in both local and overseas markets.

Going forward, NHF said the group aims to drive business growth through expanding its product range as well as further strengthening its cost competitiveness via various cost efficiency programs.

"The local and global economy will continue to be challenging in 2017.

"However, the group remains cautiously optimistic on the outlook of the automotive industry particularly in the after sales market," it added.

Shares in NHF closed unchanged at RM4.09 today for a market capitalisation of RM307.39 million. Over the past 12 months, shares in NHF has risen 51.5%.

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