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LOTUS ELISE TEST ASSEMBLED AT PROTON'S SHAH ALAM PLANT

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 14 (Bernama) -- The sports car Lotus Elise is now being test assembled at the Proton plant in Shah Alam and will be on the road once the government's approval of its pricing is obtained.

"We expect to produce about 1,500 cars a year," chief executive officer of Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional Bhd (Proton) Tengku Mahaleel Tengku Ariff said.

He told reporters after a briefing for analysts at the Third Malaysia Capital Growth Opportunities Exposition here today that Lotus Asia Pacific, a joint-venture between Proton and Lotus Group International, is the assembler and distributor of the car.

Meanwhile, DRB-Hicom chairman Datuk Mohd Salleh Sulong quashed rumours that Mokhzani Mahathir will acquire a stake in Lotus Asia-Pacific.

Mokhzani is the chief executive officer of Tongkah Holdings Bhd. --
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