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Sunway Bldg to capitalise on 7MP's building needs

SUNWAY Building Technology Bhd expects the group, as an integrated supplier of building materials and piling specialist, to capitalise on the strong demand and the opportunities presented in the Seventh Malaysia Plan (7MP).

Sunway Building's chairman Mirzan Mahathir said that strategies for maintaining and generating rapid economic growth will be emphasised in the 7MP (1996-2000), thus resulting in the growth in the construction industry.

Mirzan said that the ready-mixed concrete division under Sun-Mix Concrete Sdn Bhd contributed 29 per cent of the group's earnings last year compared with 22 per cent in 1995.

At the end of last year, the ready-mixed division has a total of 37 batching plants and 250 mixer trucks.

Sun-Block Sdn Bhd continued to be the highest contributor to total group earnings under the concrete division, says Mirzan in the company's annual report.

The company maintained its position as one of the leading players in the domestic pavers market with a 30 per cent share.

In mid-1996, a new paver manufacturing plant was set up in Nibong Tebal, Penang increasing the production capacity to 100,000 square metres per month.

Sun Block has ventured into the manufacture of concrete pipes with the commissioning of a plant in Puchong last December and has been awarded a contract to supply concrete pipes to the Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

Sun Block is also venturing into the manufacture of high-end concrete tiles with its first factory in Batang Kali to be set up by the third quarter of the year.

Sunway PMI-Pile Construction Sdn Bhd (SPMI) patented an injection system which is efficient, noise-free and non-polluting which continued to gain wide acceptance in the market.

SPMI has expanded its fleet of injection piling machines from 60 units in 1995 to 80 in 1996.

In addition, it has expanded into other piling methods, enabling the company to capture a wider piling market while projecting itself as a premier piling specialist, says Mirzan.

It plans to introduce the 250-tonne injection system by mid-1998 which will increase its market potential even further.

During the year, SPMI diversified from piling to building construction, with the construction of the new Sunway College block, using prefabricated building system.

SPMI is now in the process of constructing Sunway Carnival Shopping Mall and Sunway Business Park at Pusatbandar Bandar Seberang Jaya and a 28-storey condominium in Bandar Sunway using improved technology, says Mirzan.

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