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Simply plain sailing for Dian Kreatif

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AT a glance, Dian Kreatif Sdn Bhd's office at the Composite Technology City, located just a stone's throw from the Batu Berendam airport in Malacca, looks like any other ordinary office in the area.

However, this perception changes once one steps into the building where a number of photographs of the company's previous projects, including the famous green dome of the Prime Minister's office in Putrajaya, adorn the wall.

Stepping further into the company's plant, the unfinished frames of yachts, some measuring up to 93 metres in length, will certainly invoke a sense of awe in visitors.

Welcome to Dian Kreatif's plant, the company which was responsible for constructing domes for the famed Prophet Mosque in Medina, Putrajaya Mosque and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's residence in Putrajaya.

Although having established itself as one of the major players where domes are concerned, Dian Kreatif has also been successful in its yacht construction, including the Farr 40 Beau Geste yacht which won the King's Cup in Phuket last year.

The company was certified compliance to the MS ISO9002 standard on Sept 21, 2001 and will receive the certificate from Sirim Bhd's president and chief executive, Datuk Dr Mohd Ariffin Aton, recently.

Dian Kreatif was formed in November 1997 with only two people at its helm and this steadily grew to 70 within six months of operation. The company now has a workforce of 166 people.

However, the company's history started way back with a German company, Speedwave, which is a specialist in composite yacht construction as its main activity.

"It was in the late 1980s that the company started venturing into the manufacturing of domes, starting with a mosque in Saudi Arabia," its chief executive officer Hannes Weimer said.

Weimer said the company's venture into Malaysia started in the mid-1990s which culminated with the formation of Dian Kreatif in 1997 as a joint venture company with Khalilur Rahman Ebrahim as the Malaysian partner.

"The first project for the company back then was the contract for two domes for Masjid Wilayah. This was later followed with our involvement in the Putrajaya project," he added.

Between June and August 1998, Dian Kreatif was involved in the installation of the green dome for the Prime Minister's office followed with the 38m diameter main dome and eight smaller domes for Putrajaya Mosques.

It was also involved in the installation of domes for Masjid Al-Bukhari in Kedah and Istana Alam Shah in Klang.

Weimer said the company's dome projects abroad also included the installation of domes for Turkmenistan's Ministry of Defence and Justice and Light Reflectors in Medina.

He said among some of the projects currently under design include the construction of 76 domes for the Abu Dhabi Grand Mosque, five domes for the Turkmenistan Mosque and five domes for the Palace of Justice in Putrajaya.

Dian Kreatif looks all set to chart more successes in its chosen fields as it sails through the future.

