

DJ MARKET TALK: Affin Research Upgrades Ireka To Buy From Add

0256 GMT [Dow Jones] STOCK CALL: Affin Research upgrades Ireka Corp. (8834.KU) to Buy from Add, and raises its price target to MYR0.97 from MYR0.86. The house says the company's recent MYR27.6 million contract in Vietnam is expected to boost its FY12 net profit by 10%. "Even though this maiden project is small in value, there should be more projects for Ireka now that the IHHP project, which has a total GDV (gross development value) of US\$770 million, has commenced," the house adds. The better global economic outlook has also improved the prospects of Aseana Properties, a 23% associate that holds a 51% stake in the development project, launching more projects in Vietnam and Malaysia, which will allow Ireka to further boost its outstanding order book, the house says. Company's current order backlog stands at MYR430 million. The stock is up 2.5% at MYR0.830. (ankur.relia@dowjones.com)