

Ireka banking on RM1b order book to lift profit

KUALA LUMPUR: Ireka Corp Bhd is set to be operationally profitable in the current year ending March 2015, as the management has diligently doubled its construction order book to RM1.1 billion.

“We’ve managed to clinch quite a few good-paying projects in the past year and doubled up our order book to RM1.1 billion. We’re busy executing these jobs and, hopefully, by the end of this financial year, we’ll be operationally profitable,” said its executive director Lai Voon Hon after the group’s shareholders’ meeting, here, yesterday.

Ireka posted a net loss of RM37.42 million in the year ended March 2013, compared with RM11.1 million profit a year ago. The drag was largely due to a share of loss of its London-listed Aseana Properties Ltd and losses incurred by its construction segment.

The company will be raising as much as RM37 million from a rights issue to fund its project development without incurring interest cost as compared to bank borrowings. Yesterday, Ireka shareholders approved the two-call rights issue with warrants.