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Visko to build RM30m plant in PKFZ

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PORT KLANG: Visko Industries Sdn Bhd is investing RM30 million to build a manufacturing plant in the Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ).

Its managing director Judi Widjaja Leonardi said PKFZ was chosen because of its location. "We have good infrastructure as PKFZ is adjacent to Westports, and has access to roads and the airport. These would make our new plant more efficient in terms of time and cost," he said after the groundbreaking ceremony yesterday.

Visko Industries is a joint venture between Alpha Beta Enterprise Co Ltd (Taiwan) and PT Ekadharma International Tbk (Indonesia), with the latter owning majority stake, and manufactures self-adhesive tape.

Some 90% of Visko Industries' products were for export, and with the plant in PKFZ, the company could minimise customs and shipping documentation, he said.

The company aimed to commence operations by the third quarter of this year and planned to expand the factory in the next two to three years.

"Production capacity is estimated at 30 to 35 million sq m per month. Revenue is projected at US\$3 million to US\$3.5 million (RM10.05 million to RM11.72 million) per month, and gross profit margins at 15%," he said.

Visko Industries signed an agreement with PKFZ in September last year to take up two hectares of land with an option of another 2ha for its second phase of development.

Meanwhile, Port Klang Authority (PKA) general manager Datin Paduka OC Phang said PKFZ's emphasis on quality infrastructure, hassle-free regulations and strong export focus made it appealing.