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## Heng Huat to Invest RM35m on New Facility

**PETALING JAYA:** Heng Huat Resources Group Bhd is investing RM35 million in capital expenditure (capex) to build a new oil palm empty fruit bunch (EFB) fibre manufacturing facility in Gua Musang, Kelantan.

The new plant will increase the group's annual production capacity from 100,500 metric tonnes to more than 135,000 metric tonnes, with production lines increasing from 20 lines to 27 lines.

The manufacturer of oil palm and coconut biomass products currently operates two oil palm EFB fibre manufacturing facilities in Seberang Perai, Penang. The new facility is targeted to be operational in the second quarter of 2016.

"Over the years, we have consistently grown our exports of oil palm EFB fibre to China. This expansion plan is timely, in light of the anticipated strong demand and the high utilisation rate of approximately 90% in our existing plants," its co-founder and managing director H'ng Choon Seng said in a statement yesterday.

The new plant in Gua Musang would derive its raw materials from palm oil mills throughout Kelantan, which would provide a sustainable source of oil palm EFB supply.

"The expansion would allow us to fulfil a larger share of demand from China and target new export markets such as Australia, Korea and Japan. We believe our efforts would be the catalyst to continued growth for the group," he said.

Yesterday, shareholders' approved to transfer its listing status to the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia from the ACE Market. It was listed on the ACE Market in July 2014. The group aims to complete the transfer in the fourth quarter of 2015.