

KNM produces largest process tanks for Alcan

EQUIPMENT process manufacturer KNM Group Berhad, through its wholly-owned subsidiary KNM Process Systems Sdn Bhd, has successfully produced its first three units of Ferrosilt Washer Tanks for the Alcan Gove alumina refinery in Australia's Northern Territory.

This has earned the company a place in Malaysia Book of Records for producing the largest process tank in Malaysia.

Another achievement by KNM is that each of the washers, measuring 24 metres in diameter and 22 metres in high, was built and assembled in KNM's facility in Kuantan Port, transported and shipped in a single piece to Australia.

Group managing director Lee Swee Eng said latest deal with Alcan Gove Development Pty Ltd marks another milestone for the group as this is its inaugural project in the minerals processing industry.

"It certainly complements our goals and proves our ability to diversify into industries other than oil, gas and petrochemicals," he said at a load-out ceremony in Kuantan yesterday.

KNM was awarded purchase orders by Alcan Gove, a subsidiary of Alcan Inc of Canada, last December to manufacture washers, agglomerators, precipitators, flash vessels, digestors and decanters for the refinery, which is currently undergoing a A\$2 billion (A\$1 = RM2.90) expansion.