

KNM unit in technology deal

KNM Group Bhd's wholly-owned subsidiary, KNM Process Systems Sdn Bhd (KNMPS), has entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with David K Stevens (DKS), a patent holder for sulphur removal and recovery technology for oil and gas applications, with over 20 years experience.

Under the MOA, KNMPS and DKS will co-operate on an exclusive basis to set up a joint venture company in the US known as KPS Technology & Engineering LLC (KPS) to undertake sulphur removal

KNM Process Systems and David K Stevens will set up a joint venture company in the US to service clients in the oil, gas and power industries

and recovery and provide services to clients in the oil, gas and energy/power industries in relation to sulphur removal and recovery technology.

The principal scope of services of KPS includes licenced technology and process design packages, including amine treating processes, claus sulphur recovery, tail gas treating and sulphur de-

gassing; engineering; site services; catalyst supply; proprietary equipment, including thermal reactor burners, thermal reactors, claus waste heat boilers and sulphur condensers; and modular plants for sour gas and oil refining projects worldwide.

KNM managing director Lee Swee Eng said the Joint Venture in the Sour Gas, Sulphur Removal and Recovery

Technology business is a significant step in advancing the group's strategy of moving forward by expanding its product lines and also in moving up the value chain at the same time.

"The joint venture enhances our ability to offer additional product lines and unique technology to our customers," he said in a statement released in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

KNM said the joint venture is expected to contribute positively to the earnings of the KNM Group for the financial

year ending Dec 31, 2008 and in future financial years.

KNM is a leading worldwide process equipment manufacturer for the oil, gas, petrochemicals, minerals processing and renewable energy industries worldwide.

The Group is listed on the Main Board of Bursa Malaysia, and has manufacturing facilities in Malaysia, Australia, Italy, China, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Brazil and Canada.

Its current market capitalization stands at approximately RM7.5 billion.