

Cymao sees impressive MSEB's debut

KUALA LUMPUR: Newly-listed Cymao Holdings Bhd (Cymao), expects its revenue to grow 10 per cent yearly, its executive director, Lin Kai Hsuan, said.

The Sandakan-based company is an investment holding company while its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cymao Plywood Sdn Bhd, is involved in the manufacture and marketing of quality process downstream wood products such as veneer, plywood and decorative plywood.

The company made an impressive debut on the Malaysia Securities Exchange Bhd Main Board yesterday, opening at RM3.78, a premium of RM1.28 over its offer price of RM2.50. At 11.38 am, it was trading at RM3.44.

Lin said the company expected its speciality plywood business to contribute 10-20 per cent to total revenue by end-2005, and 30-40 per cent the subsequent three to four years.

He said Cymao would be actively

expanding its speciality plywood area, where it manufactures and exports special plywood for musical instruments.

He added that the company was in the process of marketing its products to musical instrument manufacturers in Taiwan, Japan and Europe.

"Special plywood serves niche markets and enables Cymao to increase profit margin significantly compared with the conventional plywood and veneer," Lin said.

As part of its expansion plans, he said the company was also planning to further penetrate its existing European and Middle East markets this year.

He said Cymao exported about 80 per cent of its products with its principal markets being the US, Middle East, Mexico, Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, United Kingdom, Japan and Bangladesh.

For the financial year ending Dec 2004, Cymao has forecast a net profit of RM20.7 million on a turnover of RM189 million. ■