THE STAR MALAYSIA - 18 AUGUST 2020

https://www.thestar.com.my/business/business-news/2020/08/18/suncon-posts-rm22milnet-profit-in-q2

SunCon registers RM2.2mil net profit in Q2

CONSTRUCTION

Tuesday, 18 Aug 2020 8:19 PM MYT













KUALA LUMPUR: Sunway Construction Group Bhd ☑ is keeping its RM2bil book target this year despite the Covid-19 challenges that resulted in lower profit achieved in the second quarter.

The company, on Tuesday, announced two new contract wins worth RM747mil, The awards lifted its year-to-date order book replenishment to RM1.47bil.

"We are confident that we are able to realise the target by year end as we have RM8.5bil worth of active new tenders. Our active tenders include projects in Malaysia, India, Singapore and the Philippines," Group's Managing Director Chung Soo Kiong said in a press release today.

The company said that the two new in-house orders were Sunway Belfield with a value of RM402.9mil and a commercial mixed development project (CP2) at Sunway South Quay with a value of RM463.2mil.

The contract sum for CP2 Project is inclusive of RM119.0mil of substructure works which have been awarded in June 2019, it said.

As of end of June, the group's outstanding order book as at June 2020 totaled RM 5.4bil.

In its second quarter ended June 30, the company posted a revenue of RM140.2mil and a net profit of RM2.2mil.

Sunway Construction Group said it was able to reduce its operational expenses amid the pandemic to maintain a profit position.

The company said it had also proposed a first interim dividend of 1.25 sen per share for the financial year ending Dec 31, 2020.

Moving forward, the company said it will continue to expand overseas and take on inhouse pipeline projects by the Sunway Group for sustained growth.

"We are also looking into the renewable energy sector with a focus on solar projects and district cooling systems," Chung said.

"To date, all our sites in Malaysia have resumed operations. We will continue to practise stringent precautionary measures in compliance to the guidelines by the Ministry of Health. Barring any further unforeseen circumstances, we hope to be able to minimise construction delays due to non-work activity of more than 2.5 months during the movement control order (MCO) and the conditional MCO period, and to recover project progress," he added.

Chung also said it is optimistic of overcoming this difficult period with its strong cash reserve position and stringent cost control measures.