SunCon, Engie Group plan district cooling systems for urban areas

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Virtual signing ceremony of the MoU between Engie South East Asia and Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd. Top row (left) Engie Services Malaysia deputy managing director Wong Yin Kee and Engie South East Asia CEO Pierre Cheyron. Bottom row (left) Sunway Construction managing director Liew Kok Wing and Sunway Construction executive director Eric Tan.

KUALA LUMPUR: SUNWAY CONSTRUCTION GROUP BHD and Engie South East Asia have inked an MoU to look into district cooling systems for greenfield and brownfield urban development projects.

SunCon said on Tuesday its unit Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd and Engie would set up a joint venture company to boost the country's environmental sustainability effort through the expansion of district cooling technology.

It said the collaboration would speed up the adoption of district cooling technology in Malaysia, which will contribute towards the nation's environmental sustainability goals.

"The JV company will also leverage on SunCon's capabilities and Sunway's network and experience as a conglomerate with 13 business divisions and the core business, as well as technical competencies of Engie in integrated green and sustainable environmental solutions," it said.

SunCon said district cooling systems are more efficient and generates significant savings in capital expenditure, energy and operating costs compared to the conventional usage of de-centralised chiller plants.

Sunway Construction manging director Liew Kok Wing said this partnership with Engie which marks a significant milestone in the group's venture in the renewable energy sector.

"This new venture will not only provide strong long-term recurring revenue to SunCon, but also complements our core competencies in delivering value added and sustainable solutions to our clients," he said.

Engie South East Asia CEO Pierre Cheyron said the group was pleased with the opportunity to collaborate with SunCon, one of Malaysia's largest conglomerates, to aid the country's low carbon transition.

"With the combined unparalleled deep expertise and global experience from both ENGIE and Sunway, we are confident that this partnership will bring about a significant impact on Malaysia's sustainability objectives and her people in the country," he said.

Engle South East Asia is part of the Engle Group which is involved in energy and valueadded energy solutions with a global presence.

Engie Group operates 393 district heating and cooling networks globally including four district cooling plants in South East Asia such as Megajana district cooling system at Cyberjaya, Northgate district cooling plant in the Philippines and the district cooling systems for Punggol Digital District in Singapore.

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