

BURSA

	13-Aug	1-day chg	% chg
KLCI:	1,186.19	5.65	0.48%
FTMS Emas:	8,052.51	56.31	0.70%
FBM SmallCap:	10,355.22	199.41	1.96%
Mesdaq:	4,317.70	154.58	3.71%
KLSE Mar ket Cap (RMbn):	857.32	4.75	0.56%

INDICES

	13-Aug	12-Aug	% chg
Dow:	9,398.19	36.58	0.39%
Nasdaq:	2,009.35	10.63	0.53%
FTSE-100:	4,755.46	38.70	0.82%
Nikkei 225:	10,517.19	82.19	0.79%
SHCOMP:	3,140.56	27.84	0.89%
HSI:	20,861.30	426.06	2.08%
STI:	2,614.18	42.87	1.67%
KOSPI:	1,564.64	(0.71)	-0.05%
TWSE:	7,034.96	136.06	1.97%
JCI:	2,396.49	49.13	2.09%
SET:	655.68	12.66	1.97%

FOREX (US\$)

	13-Aug	12-Aug	% chg
MYR (RM):	3.5140	3.5325	-0.52%
EURO (€):	1.4292	1.4188	0.73%
GBP (£):	1.6583	1.6482	0.61%
YEN (¥):	95.48	96.06	-0.60%
SGD (S\$):	1.4418	1.4438	-0.14%
HKD (HK\$)	7.7505	7.7508	0.00%

KEY STATS

KLCI Spot			
Vol (m shares):	1,138.61	1,110.56	2.53%
Value (RMm):	1,679.19	1,740.09	-3.50%
KLCI Futures			
Jul 09:	1,183.00	1,175.00	0.68%
Aug 09:	1,181.50	1,173.00	0.72%
CPO spot price (RM/tonne)			
	2,515.00	2,460.00	2.24%
Soybean (US\$/bsl)			
	1,187.25	1,216.00	-2.36%
SoyOil (US\$/b)			
	37.64	38.58	-2.44%
Gold (US\$/troy oz)			
	954.70	950.70	0.42%
Nymex crude oil (US\$/bbl)			
	70.52	70.16	0.51%

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Research Highlights

RESULTS NOTE

- **Wellcall Holdings (HOLD; RM1.42; TP:RM1.25) – 9M09 results in line**

COMPANY UPDATE

- **Coastal Contracts (BUY; RM1.94; TP: RM2.34) – More orders**
- **Fajarbaru Builder (BUY; RM1.28; TP: RM1.46) – Proposed 10% private placement**

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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- **Kumpulan Jetson in China venture**
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Top Volume*				Top Gainer*				Top Loser*			
Stock	Price (RM)	% Chg (+/-)	Vol (m)	Stock	Price (RM)	% Chg (+/-)	Vol (m)	Stock	Price (RM)	% Chg (+/-)	Vol (m)
1 IOI Corp	5.25	1.6	21.10	KL Kepong	13.60	4.9	7.07	Tanjong Plc	15.32	-1.9	0.20
2 AXIATA	3.18	1.3	15.60	P Dagangan	8.59	2.3	0.32	BAT	45.00	-1.9	0.08
3 Telekom Msia	3.05	1.7	14.20	Telekom Msia	3.05	1.7	14.20	AMMB Hldg	4.22	-1.4	11.10
4 AMMB Hldg	4.22	-1.4	11.10	IOI Corp	5.25	1.6	21.10	Petronas Gas	9.78	-1.0	0.06
5 Bumiputra	10.78	-0.2	11.00	Genting	6.13	1.3	6.48	Msian Airline	3.10	-1.0	0.11
6 Genting Malaysia	2.82	1.1	8.09	AXIATA	3.18	1.3	15.60	PLUS	3.27	-0.9	1.48
7 Maybank	6.63	1.2	8.00	Maybank	6.63	1.2	8.00	B Toto	4.31	-0.5	2.56
8 KL Kepong	13.60	4.9	7.07	MMC Corp	2.72	1.1	3.08	UMW Hldg	6.25	-0.3	0.37
9 YTL Power	2.16	0.5	6.83	Genting Malaysia	2.82	1.1	8.09	Bumiputra	10.78	-0.2	11.00
10 Genting	6.13	1.3	6.48	MISC	8.84	0.9	0.29	Astro	3.30	0.0	1.43

Note: * Bursa Malaysia Composite Index ("BMCI") component stocks only

Corporate News

■ LCL unit lands RM11m job

LCL Corporation's subsidiary LCL Furniture Sdn Bhd has secured a RM10.62 million renovation and refurbishment contract from Berjaya Langkawi Beach Resort Sdn Bhd.

LCL Corp said today the latest contract was for the renovation and refurbishment of the 135 units superior rooms and 30 units deluxe rooms situated at Berjaya Langkawi Beach Resort.

It said the project was expected to start immediately and be completed within 18 months. (*The Edge*)

■ Kumpulan Jetson in China venture

KUMPULAN Jetson Bhd (9083), a construction company with interests in manufacturing, has set up a joint-venture company in China to make and sell automotive parts.

The company has entered into an agreement with Weihai Xin San Yuan Electronic Device Assemble Co Ltd, as well as Huge Jet Ltd to set up Sin Jebco (Weihai) Technology Co Ltd.

Jetson will hold 40 per cent of the venture, which will make and sell shock absorbers, rubber pads and other parts. (*Business Times*)

■ Scomi to raise RM165mil via rights issue

Scomi Group Bhd plans to raise up to RM165mil via a rights issue to fund its business activities going forward.

The proposed issue would raise the equity capital of Scomi Group and strengthen its capital base, it said in a statement yesterday.

The exercise will be undertaken on a minimum subscription level of RM90mil.

Group chief executive officer Shah Hakim Zain said in the statement the rights issue would help optimise the group's capital structure and provide opportunities for shareholders to participate in its future growth.

Meanwhile, the group reported yesterday a lower net profit of RM20.9mil for its second quarter ended June 30, compared with RM34.5mil a year ago mainly due to lower contributions from its oilfield services division which saw a contraction in drilling activities in the western hemisphere. Revenue for the quarter under review stood at RM535.6mil against RM527.2mil.

Shah Hakim said he was pleased with the performance of all sectors in the group, with strong growth recorded in the public transportation and marine service division. (*The Star*)

■ Sime Darby says no immediate plans to list plantation unit

Sime Darby Bhd does not expect to immediately list its plantation business – the group's key profit driver – as part of a detailed review of its operations, according to a source with direct knowledge of the plan.

Many investors want Sime Darby to list its prized division to boost the group's lagging valuations and enhance its appeal as a pure play plantations company as it competes with rivals such as Singapore-listed Wilmar International.

"Not really. It (the listing) is not on the cards. People are just talking. People have asked us about this but no," said the source, who did not want to be identified due to the sensitivity of the matter. (*The Star*)

■ **SP Setia gets three anchor tenants for Shah Alam mall**

SP Setia Bhd has secured three major anchor tenants for the first phase of its Setia City Mall in Setia Alam, Shah Alam, says president and chief executive officer Tan Sri Liew Kee Sin.

"Unfortunately, we cannot reveal who they are for now. So far, we have also spoken to about 50 potential retailers for the mall and expect a full take-up by the time construction is completed by end-2011.

"Construction is expected to begin within the next two months," Liew said after an agreement signing between Greenhill Resources Sdn Bhd and CIMB Bank Bhd, Public Bank Bhd and Affin Bank Bhd for a RM315mil syndicated loan facility.

Greenhill Resources is a 50:50 joint venture between SP Setia and Lend Lease Asian Retail Investment Fund 2 Ltd.

The event was witnessed by Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim. *(The Star)*

■ **Iron and steel product importers get temporary COA exemption**

A temporary exemption on the certificate of approval (COA) ruling has been granted to importers of non-critical iron ore and steel products, such as nuts, bolts and screws.

The Royal Malaysian Customs said in a statement that following discussions with the Ministry of International Trade and Industry Ministry (Miti) and industry representatives, it was decided that importers of non-critical iron ore and steel products would be exempt temporarily from having to obtain the COA.

It said the exemption, to run from Aug 13 to Oct 12, was being implemented to ease the flow of cargo coming through the country's ports of entry.

The COA ruling, effective Aug 1, had required all importers of iron ore and steel products to have a COA or letter of exemption from either Sirim Bhd for the non-construction sectors and the Construction Industry Development Board for the construction sector. *(The Star)*

Economic News

■ **Malaysia's Unemployment rate may rise to 4.5% by year-end**

Domestic unemployment rate may rise to 4.5% by year-end from 3.7% last year, according to International Trade and Industry Deputy Minister Datuk Mukhriz Tun Mahathir.

"To us, the figure is high and we have never reached this high a figure before. At the same time, we are trying to reduce the jobless rate," he told reporters after launching the Third National Internship Challenge yesterday.

He said most factories that had laid off workers had begun to take back former employees after demand picked up.

As of July 7, Mukhriz said, statistics compiled by the Human Resources Ministry showed a cumulative figure of 38,732 workers retrenched due to the economic crisis.

Of the total, 29,712 were permanently terminated while 9,020 accepted voluntary separation offers.

In addition, 40,662 workers had their pay reduced while 4,112 were temporarily laid off. *(The Star)*

Foreign News

■ US retail sales fall, new jobless claims rise

Americans shopped less in July and more signed up for jobless benefits last week in a double dose of bad news for the U.S. economy just a day after the Federal Reserve said it saw a leveling out of the slump, according to Reuters.

A Commerce Department report on Thursday, Aug 13 showed total retail sales edged down 0.1 percent after increasing 0.8 percent in June. Excluding motor vehicles and parts, sales fell 0.6 percent in July after rising 0.5 percent the prior month.

Analysts had expected a boost to retail sales from the government's "cash for clunkers" program and predicted a 0.7 percent advance in overall July sales.

They said the program – which gives consumers discounts to swap aging gas-guzzling cars for new, more fuel efficient models -- had pulled spending away from other sectors.

The data, combined with a report from the Labor Department showing first-time applications for state unemployment insurance benefits rose 4,000 to a seasonally adjusted 558,000 last week, were indications the economy faced a slow and difficult recovery from the worst recession in more than 60 years. *(Reuters)*

■ Wall Street rises as Wal-Mart offsets weak data

Stocks rose on Thursday, Aug 13 as better-than-expected earnings by Wal-Mart Stores Inc helped offset disappointing government numbers on retail sales and jobs, according to Reuters.

Shares of Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, gained 2.7 percent to US\$51.88 following its second-quarter earnings and its outlook for the full year.

The rest of the retail sector was lukewarm, however, after the U.S. Commerce Department reported retail sales fell 0.1 percent in July, defying market expectations of a gain. Analysts had expected a boost to retail sales from the government's "cash for clunkers" program that offers taxpayers money for trading in gas guzzlers for more fuel efficient new cars. *(Reuters)*

■ India, Asean sign deal on free trade

India and the 10-country Southeast Asian bloc Asean signed a free trade agreement yesterday after more than six years of negotiations, but the deal did not embrace software and information Technology.

Thai and Indian officials said the agreement would eliminate tariffs on products including electronics, chemicals, machinery and textiles that account for more than 80% of total trade in goods between the two sides.

The agreement will be effective from Jan 1, 2010, and tariffs on the products covered would be reduced to zero between 2013 and 2016, according to a joint statement.

The agreement was signed in Bangkok on the sidelines of a meeting of economic ministers of Association of South East Asian Nations — grouping Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

"This is a FTA with a regional economic community and we hope that we will be able to take it forward as we have agreed to expedite agreements on investment and services so that it becomes a comprehensive partnership," Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Anand Sharma told reporters after the signing. *(Reuters)*

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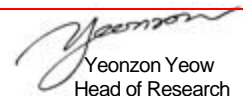
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