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## Deleum finalising M&A deals, says MD

KUALA LUMPUR: Oil and gas service provider Deleum Bhd expects to be busy with corporate exercises over the next two quarters, especially in regards to its merger and acquisition (M&A) plan.

"We are in the stage of finalising some deals," group managing director Nan Yusri Nan Rahimy told StarBiz.

He, however, refused to divulge the names of the M&A targets, except that the targeted entities were those that can add value to Deleum's expansion plans.

Nan Yusri had said last month that Deleum would put to good use its strong net cash position for, among other things, M&A exercises. The intention was to have units that could complement its core businesses, including power and machinery; oilfield services; and maintenance, repair and overhaul.

Deleum had cash amounting to about RM81mil as at March 31 against short-term borrowings of around RM17mil and long-term borrowings of about RM8.5mil.

It boasted a strong cashflow, with net cash generated from operating activities totalling about RM22.75mil as at March 31. The company had reportedly set aside RM20mil to RM25mil as capital expenditure for its business expansion this year. Meanwhile, Nan Yusri said Deleum

had set its sight on building a regional presence. "While we like 'playing' in the

domestic environment, we are also looking outwards. We are working towards having regional operations by 2015," he added. Deleum's current order book is

Deleum's current order book is said to be worth around RM650mil. These projects are expected to last through 2018.

The company had also submitted tenders, mainly local jobs, worth a total of RM1bil.



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