



BINA PURI HOLDINGS BHD

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KUALA LUMPUR: Bina Puri Holdings Bhd has proposed to undertake a debt capitalisation exercise via a restricted issue of up to 20 million new shares, or 19.27% of the company's paid-up share capital, to Bumimaju Mawar Sdn Bhd.

The issue is to repay Bumimaju, which advanced a total of RM20 million to Bina Puri on Nov 18 last year, for the latter's working capital purposes.

The advances are unsecured, interest-free, and have no fixed term of repayment. As at Jan 31, the outstanding advances amounted to RM20 million.

"After due consideration of the various methods of repayment, the board is of the opinion that the proposed debt capitalisation is the most appropriate means to meet the obligations," Bina Puri said in a statement to Bursa Malaysia yesterday.

The company said it would fix the price of the new shares arising from the proposed debt capitalisation on a date to be determined later.

In order to accommodate the issue of new shares, Bina Puri has proposed to increase its authorised share capital to RM500 million comprising 500 million shares by the creation of an additional 400 million new shares.

The proposed debt capitalisation and proposed increase in authorised share capital are inter-conditional.

Bumimaju is an investment holding company equally controlled by Tan Sri Tong Kiot Seng @ Tong Yoke Kim and Datuk Tong So Han.

If the proposed debt capitalisation goes through, Bumimaju would overtake Bina Puri's group managing director Tan Sri Tee Hock Seng as the second largest shareholder of the company.

Bumimaju would own between 18.52% and 19.27% of the enlarged share capital of Bina Puri, depending on whether there is any exercise of Bina Puri's employees share option scheme prior to the debt capitalisation exercise.

Tee's direct and indirect shareholdings would be diluted to between 13.48% and 14.03% after the exercise, compared with 17.37% as at Jan 31.

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