

Picorp's Saudi unit bags RM8.14m job

KUALA LUMPUR: Progressive Impact Corporation Bhd's (Picorp) unit, Saudi Asma Environmental Solutions LLC (SAES), has won a contract from the Makkah Municipality for the operation and maintenance of public health pest laboratory services in Makkah, Saudi Arabia.

SAES, a company specialising in public health and environmental management services, has been collaborating with the Makkah Municipality since 2009 on various public health management initiatives.

The public health pest lab services contract, valued at 6.88 million riyals (RM8.14 million), is a continuation of the business that SAES has with the Makkah Municipality, and also a part of the latter's Public Health Enhancement Programme in the city of Makkah.

The contract will span 60 months, starting on Dec 31.

The scope of work includes manpower recruitment, procurement of vehicles and laboratory equipment, insurance, and the operation and maintenance of public health pest laboratory services.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, Picorp said the award reflects the growth potential of SAES in the public health sector and demonstrates the confidence of government agencies in SAES' capabilities and experience in delivering high-quality public health management services.

Picorp group executive director Datuk Dr Lukman Ibrahim said the contract reflects SAES' commitment to enhancing public health and environmental quality.

"We are ready to support the Makkah Municipality's efforts in mobilising its Public Health Enhancement Programme, particularly in integrated pest management (IPM), backed by 17 years of experience in the field."

He said with Makkah hosting millions of pilgrims and visitors each year, the city is ramping up efforts to enhance public health and healthcare services.

"Given that Makkah is a pilgrimage destination, the influx of pilgrims and visitors heightens the risk of public health concerns, prompting initiatives such as maintaining public cleanliness, waste



Saudi Asma Environmental Solutions LLC is a specialist in public health and environmental management services. PIC FROM PICORP

disposal and pest control.

"As an IPM service provider, our goal is to help the city manage public health risks."

He added that under the contract, Picorp will focus on controlling vector-borne diseases via public

health pest lab services, which primarily monitor and identify pests, while acting as the first line of defence against infectious diseases.

"We hope that this proactive approach will strengthen Makkah's public health efforts and foster a

healthier environment for the pilgrims, residents and visitors," he said.

The contract is expected to have a positive financial effect on Picorp's net assets per share from financial year 2025 onwards.