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Daya Materials hopes to venture into O&G upstream

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PETALING JAYA: [Daya Materials Bhd](#) is hoping to venture into the upstream of the oil and gas sector by acquiring an asset worth US\$200mil (RM600mil) to participate in marginal oilfields in Malaysia.

“We are in talks with a few foreign partners right now. Hopefully we will be able to gel something together by the next few months. We are not happy to grow by 10% to 30% per year. We are seriously looking into the possibility of participating in marginal oilfields and several upstream opportunities,” said Daya Materials executive vice-chairman and group [chief executive officer Datuk Mazlin Junid](#).

Daya Materials [managing director Nathan Tham](#) added that if Daya managed to get a marginal oilfield, financing should not be an issue.

“We are confident of raising funds if we get the marginal oilfield. It's a matter of how we structure the borrowings,” said Tham.



Axima project director Jean-Emmanuel Turquois (left) and Daya OCI executive director Zaidi Ayub signing the MoU

[Petroleum Nasional Bhd \(Petronas\)](#) has stepped up its deep-water exploratory activities and is re-exploring 22 marginal fields.

Meanwhile, [Daya OCI Sdn Bhd \(DOCI\)](#), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Daya Materials, announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Axima Seitha to jointly participate in tenders in Malaysia within the marine sector, particularly in the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) works.

Axima Seitha is already a pre-qualified contractor for [Boustead Naval Shipyard Sdn Bhd](#) and has been doing marine works for Boustead in the last two years.

Last December, Boustead Naval Shipyard was awarded a RM9bil contract from the Defence Ministry to design, build and deliver six second-generation patrol vessels or littoral combat ships.

“The award of the sub-contracts should be starting in the second half of the year. For the HVAC sector, there are two other

major contractors bidding Noerske Kaizer and [Pro Air Sdn Bhd](#). I think we stand a very good chance,” said Mazlin.

Axima project [director Jean-Emmanuel Turquois](#) estimated that the HVAC portion for the six patrol vessels would cost RM120mil.

Axima is a company incorporated in France and specialises in marine and offshore HVAC.

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