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PROVEN TRACK RECORD: Company eyeing projects in India, Thailand, Turkey and Indonesia worth a collective US\$20b

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SCOMI Engineering Bhd, which returned to the black last year after four years of consecutive losses, is expanding its monorail and operation and maintenance (O&M) business to boost earnings.

The Main Market-listed firm is also eyeing monorail projects in India, Thailand, Turkey and Indonesia, worth a collective US\$20 billion (RM75 billion).

For O&M expansion, it will ride on its proven track record in op-

eration and maintenance of Phase One of the Mumbai monorail in India and the Malacca coach leasing project.

Scomi Engineering is constructing Phase Two of the RM1.85 billion Mumbai monorail, and has three developments in Brazil.

It posted a net profit of RM378,000 on revenue of RM238.3 million last year and hopes to maintain the earnings momentum.

"Besides monorail, we are looking to expand our O&M business, which currently contributes around four per cent to the group's total revenue, derived from both our Mumbai monorail and the Malacca coach

leasing projects.

"With our one-and-a-half years of proven track record in O&M and growing, there is a good basis for the group to achieve its 30 per cent revenue target in the next three years," chief executive officer Kanesan Veluppillai told Business Times.

Kanesan said Phase Two of the Mumbai monorail project was expected to be commissioned by the middle of next year and it would help to increase O&M revenue.

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Scomi Engineering is constructing Phase Two of the RM1.85 billion Mumbai monorail project. Bernama pic

continued to run at almost 100 per cent punctuality, despite torrential rains in the Indian city.

"Scomi Engineering brought the monorail to a country that has a high risk of earthquake, suffers extreme monsoons and has a dense population. Phase Two, just like Phase One, is built to withstand any weather conditions and natural disasters that include earthquake zone 4.

"Built in the city of Mumbai with over 29 million people, the monorail has withstood the test of the elements and proven its sturdiness in the face of the raging monsoon. The ability of the monorail to con-

tinue service punctually is due to its design itself.

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He said Phase Two, which is 85 per cent completed, is anticipated to quadruple the daily ridership on the monorail section once it is commissioned.

The Mumbai monorail has so far moved some seven million people since it officially started commercial operations on February 2 last year.

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BY YIMIE YONG

KUALA LUMPUR: Scomi Engineering Bhd's Mumbai Monorail has proved able to withstand the heaviest rains as seen during the latest monsoon season, which had brought the suburban railway network in Mumbai, India to a grinding halt last Friday.

In a statement yesterday, Scomi Engineering said the Mumbai Monorail has been running at 100% punctuality since the start of the monsoon. "Scomi brought the monorail to a country that has a high risk of earthquakes, suffers extreme monsoons and has a dense population. Built in the city of Mumbai with over 29 million people, the monorail, last Friday, has withstood the test of the elements and proven its sturdiness in the face of the raging monsoon," said Scomi Engineering chief executive officer Kanesan Velupillai in the statement.

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distance of 8.9km on Feb 2, 2014. It has carried some seven million passengers to date.

"Initially operating eight hours of services per day, within 10 weeks of operations, it had increased its services to 14 hours per day. Currently, it operates 16 hours of services per day at an average of 99.17% punctuality," said Kanesan.

"The ability of the monorail to continue service punctually is due to its design itself. With the straddle design, the train is designed to wrap-around the beam. Hence heavy rains and strong winds do not affect the stability of the train.

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 23 (Bernama) -- Scomi Engineering Bhd's Mumbai Monorail continues to run at 100 per cent punctuality since the start of torrential rains in the Indian city, providing the much needed transportation for Mumbaikars along its alignment.

This was despite Mumbai's suburban railway network, the transport lifeline of the city, was stopped in its tracks due to floods, leaving hundreds of thousands of commuters stranded.

Torrential rains blasted Mumbai from June 18.

Scomi Engineering Chief Executive Officer Kanesan Veluppillai said the company had brought the monorail to a country that has a high risk of earthquake, suffers extreme monsoons and has a dense population.

He said the ability of the monorail to continue its service punctually was due to the train's design.

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"Further, our operations and maintenance team has an extensive monsoon preparedness plan in place to ensure our operations are ready to face the elements," he said in a statement today.

The Mumbai Monorail, the first of its kind in India, officially started commercial operations of phase one from Wadala to Chembur, a distance of 8.9 kilometres, in February last year.

Initially operating eight hours per day, it has increased the service to 14 hours per day within 10 weeks of operations.

Currently, it operates 16 hours of service per day at an average of 99.17 per cent punctuality.

The four-car Mumbai Monorail trains can travel at speeds of up to 80 kilometres (km) per hour, with the capacity of 564 passengers per trip per direction.

Phase Two of this project will link Wadala to Jacob Circle with ten stations along a 10.8km stretch, which is anticipated to quadruple the daily ridership on the monorail section once it is commissioned.

The Mumbai Monorail alignment provides greater East-West connectivity and a dedicated transport corridor to move people quickly and efficiently through the densely populated streets of Mumbai.

The full alignment is anticipated to be commissioned by mid-2016.