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**PUCHONG:** Water meter manufacturer George Kent (Malaysia) Bhd, which plans to expand its production capacity to more than two million units yearly, will be investing RM50 million to upgrade its manufacturing facilities over the next two to three years.

“We intend to move up the value chain, and as such we need to expand our production capacity and manufacturing capabilities to meet the demand for meters of the future,” its executive director Bernie CK Ooi told a press conference after conducting a tour at its Technology Centre here yesterday.

“We will continue to invest close to RM50 million to RM60 million over the next two to three years,” he added, noting the investment will also include the purchase of new machinery to increase its annual production capacity from two million units currently.

George Kent, which is the market leader for metering products in the country with more than 50% market share, is mainly involved in infrastructure construction and the water meter sector.

Its order book currently stands at RM1.5 billion. Bernie noted that the group will continue to push its order book to RM5 billion within the next three years.

Commenting on the group’s Ampang Light Rail Transit (LRT) line extension project, he said the work is on track to be completed by March 2016.

“On the existing line, the signalling installation works have been completed to enable testing of the new trains to commence,” he said, noting the new operation central control (OCC) building at Ampang is on target for the installation of signalling equipment in early May 2015.

In July 2012, the group was awarded the Ampang LRT Line extension project worth RM1.1 billion as the overall system integrator for the engineering, procurement, construction, testing and commissioning of its system works.

Previously, the group said it could complete the 17.7 kilometre project connecting the Sri Petaling station to Putra Heights in 44 months.