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The Southern Cable factory in Kedah

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SOUTHERN Cable Group Bhd has secured additional orders worth RM121.1 million from Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) under its existing contract for the supply of underground power cables and conductors.

The variation increases the total contract value with TNB to RM524.6 million, up from the original RM403.6 million awarded in February 2025.

The contract is being fulfilled by the group's subsidiary, Southern Cable Sdn Bhd, for TNB's Distribution Network Division.

Following the award, Southern Cable's total orders in hand stand at RM1.16 billion, providing earnings visibility until 2027.

The development underscores sustained demand for critical power infrastructure amid Malaysia's ongoing national grid modernisation and the National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR).

Southern Cable's MD Tung Eng Hai said the order increase reflects TNB's confidence in the group.

"We are seeing robust demand as Malaysia accelerates its energy transition and infrastructure



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upgrades. "The variation order reflects TNB's continued confidence in our ability to deliver the cables critical to the national power grid," he said.

Tung highlighted that rising power demand from expanding data centres, industrial projects and solar developments is driving capacity expansion.

Southern Cable is currently developing a new 7.9-acre (3.2ha)

facility adjacent to its existing operations.

A high-capacity aluminium furnace, set for completion in the first quarter of 2026 (1Q26), will triple aluminium rod output to over 60,000 tonnes annually, enhancing scalability for domestic and overseas markets.

The group also plans to integrate new production lines for medium to high voltage and extra-high voltage cables by 2027, aiming to diversify into higher-value products and drive sustainable growth.

Southern Cable manufactures cables and wires for power distribution and transmission, communications and control applications.

Through its factories in Kuala Ketil and Sungai Petani, Kedah, the group has an annual production capacity of 20,400 tonnes and 18,000 tonnes for aluminium and copper rods respectively, about 54,980km of cables and wires and 7,800 tonnes of plastic compounds.

Its products serve sectors including energy, telecommunications, construction and manufacturing. — TMR