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KUALA LUMPUR: Citaglobal Berhad (Citaglobal) has made a landmark entry into Malaysia's hydropower sector with the acquisition of majority stakes in two hydropower projects in Perak for RM15 million.

This move diversifies its renewable energy portfolio and demonstrates its commitment to Malaysia's vision for a low-carbon economy through structural energy reforms and the increased use of renewable energy.

Through its whollyowned subsidiary, Citaglobal Renewable Energy Sdn Bhd, the deal involves the acquisition of a 70 per cent equity interest in Zeqna Corporation Sdn Bhd (Zeqna) for RM15 million, and 70 per cent equity interest in Koridor Mentari Sdn Bhd (Koridor Mentari) for RM1, conditional upon the completion of Zeqna acquisition.

This strategic acquisition



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positions Citaglobal capture immediate renewable energy revenue from the Slim Hydropower Plant, a proven brownfield hydropower asset in Slim, Perak, while the Kampar Hydropower Plant Perak, while the project - with all state-level approvals secured - is poised to generate robust returns on an accelerated timeline. Together, these projects will enhance the Group's recurring revenue base and reinforce its standing as a key player in Malaysia's clean energy transition.

The two hydropower assets are projected to generate up to RM19 million in recurring annual revenue under long-term Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreements (REPPA) with Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), sustaining Citaglobal's earnings base well into the future.

Following completion of the acquisitions, the remaining 30 per cent stakes in both Zeqna and Koridor Mentari will continue to be held by Perak Hydro Renewable Energy Corporation Sdn Bhd (PHREC), which has been granted Water Rights by the State Government of Perak for minihydropower development in the

Citaglobal executive chairman and president Tan Sri Dr Mohamad Norza Zakaria, said, "Perak is an emerging renewable energy hub and represents an ideal launching pad for our venture into the

hydropower sector.

"The state is strategically suited for hydropower development, thanks to its topography, river hydrology, and robust grid infrastructure.

"We look forward to working with the Perak Hydro Renewable Energy Corporation, the Perak state government and other stakeholders to accelerate the development of the hydropower projects across the state."

These acquisitions are expected to boost Citaglobal's recurring revenue base, deliver predictable returns, and reenforced the Group's renewable energy portfolio.

They will also strengthen Citaglobal's foothold in the hydropower sector and further diversify its position by tapping into a wider pipeline of investments and projects across the clean energy landscape.