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Source: BBSB

BBSB MD Datuk Tan Chin Nyan *(left)* **and Sow during the signing ceremony**

DPS Resources Bhd is looking to develop up to 89-megawatt (MW) of data centre capacity in Melaka in phases under a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed by its wholly owned subsidiary Shantawood Sdn Bhd with BBSB Holdings Sdn Bhd.

The proposed capacity is targeted for delivery from 2027 to 2030, comprising 20MW in 2027, 20MW in 2028, 20MW in 2029 and 29MW in 2030.

BBSB Holdings, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hong Kong-listed BBSB International Ltd, may participate as a strategic partner in the planning, development and utilisation of the data centre infrastructure, including identifying potential users, tenants or off-takers.

The parties may also explore expanding the development to an aggregate capacity of 400MW, subject to technical feasibility, regulatory requirements, infrastructure availability, commercial terms and the execution of definitive agreements.

Shantawood owns the relevant land and existing factory rights and intends to develop and convert the facility into a high-specification data centre.

DPS Resources group chairman and founder Tan Sri Dr Sow Chin Chuan said the MoU marked another step in the group's strategy to advance its data centre development pipeline in Melaka.

"Through the proposed collaboration with BBSB, we aim to explore a phased approach to data centre capacity development, beginning with up to 89MW and with the potential to scale further, subject to the relevant approvals, feasibility assessments and definitive agreements," he said.

DPS Resources said its data centre initiatives had undergone consultation with Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) in March, while SDT Engineering Sdn Bhd had confirmed the availability of power capacity of up to 500MW and 89.1MW for the respective projects.

The proposed development has also received a no-objection letter from Syarikat Air Melaka Bhd for water supply and a letter of support from the Melaka chief minister dated July 30.

The relevant application documents have been submitted to the Data Centre Task Force for consideration and approval.

DPS Resources said the proposed collaboration, if successfully implemented, could enhance the value and utilisation of its land and assets, while strengthening its data centre development pipeline and allowing it to participate in the growing digital infrastructure sector.

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