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Public-private partnership involves waste-to-energy facility in Melaka

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MALAKOFF Corp Bhd, via its subsidiary, Sungai Udang WTE Sdn Bhd, has signed a concession agreement under a public-private partnership framework with the government. The deal involves the design, construction, financing, operation, maintenance and eventual closure of a waste-to-energy (WTE) facility in Sungai Udang, Melaka.

Sungai Udang WTE is a special-purpose joint venture for the project, with Malakoff holding a 60 per cent stake, while the remaining 40 per cent is owned by Alam Flora Environmental Solutions Sdn Bhd.

AFES is a wholly owned unit of Alam Flora Sdn Bhd, which is 97.37 per cent owned by Malakoff.

Malakoff said the WTE facility could process up to 1,056 tonnes of solid waste daily and would



Housing and Local Government Ministry secretary-general Datuk M. Noor Azman Taib (seated, centre), SWCorp chairman Hee Loy Sian (seated, left) and Malakoff Corp Bhd managing director and group chief executive officer Anwar Syahrin Abdul Ajib (seated, right) at the signing ceremony. Witnessing the event are Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming (standing, second from left) and Malakoff chairman Tan Sri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh (standing, second from right). PIC FROM MALAKOFF CORP BHD

produce around 22 megawatts of gross renewable energy.

This will be done under a power purchase agreement to be signed between Tenaga Nasional Bhd and the concession company.

Malakoff managing director and group chief executive officer Anwar Syahrin Abdul Ajib said the facility would play a crucial

role in tackling Melaka's waste management challenges, especially as the state's sole sanitary landfill approaches full capacity.

"By diverting over 300,000 tonnes of waste from landfills annually, the plant is expected to eliminate 75,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, which is equivalent to preserving more than 3.4 million trees, and pre-

venting 23,000 cubic metres of leachate from polluting local waterways.

"Malakoff manages 3,649 tonnes of waste per day. With this project expected to add another 1,056 tonnes daily, we will have the capacity to manage up to 6,206 tonnes per day based on our existing contracts, concession agreements and available assets."