

Smartag hopeful of customs boost to top line

KUALA LUMPUR: Newly listed Smartag Solutions Bhd, which will begin testing a new security system at the country's customs checkpoints from June 1, is "hopeful" the project will be a major revenue spinner for the group from next year, said CEO Lim Peng Keong.

Big names in the logistics and manufacturing sector, including hard disk drive maker Western Digital (M) Sdn Bhd as well as logistics companies Federal Express, TNT Express and Priority Cargo will be among the first to use the radio frequency iden-

tification (RFID)-based security and trade facilitation system, the company said in a statement yesterday.

Lim did not provide an indication of the potential value of the project, done in collaboration with the Royal Malaysian Customs.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia on May 12, Smartag said the exact quantum of costs and financial impact of the project could not be determined currently given the nascent stage of the project.

Smartag is the main contractor for the project, one of the 12 initiatives

announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak at the fifth Economic Transformation Programme update in April. The RFID-based systems project aims to improve the efficiency of container clearance using the paperless approach, and will enable automatic detection of containers that are compromised or have been tampered with as well as facilitate faster and more transparent trade, Smartag said.

Smartag gained 1 sen to close at 35 sen yesterday with 6.49 million shares done.