



Sweet deal: Zahari holding a lump of raw sugar at MSM in Prai. With him are Hendroff (left) and assistant general manager Cheah Poh Lye.

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MSM to optimise Prai operations

It's already using 90% of production capacity

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Speaking at a press briefing, MSM Prai acting chief executive officer Zahari Ishak said this year the group had spent RM100mil to upgrade the production and packing divisions in Prai and to expand the floor area of its warehouse in Sungai Buloh.

"The fund is mainly to clear

the bottleneck in our production process to ensure that the output is consistent.

"Next year, the allocation for the Prai facility to upgrade is RM20mil," he said.

At present, the MSM Malaysia produces 1.25 million tonnes per year.

The Prai facility produced close to 900,000 tonnes of sugar, while the other facility in Perlis generates the remainder.

On its trading business, MSM Malaysia chief operating officer Jason Hendroff said that the group's trading office in Dubai would start operation soon.

"We will sell the sugar that

we sourced from Brazil, India, Australia to customers in the Middle-East," he said.

In a recent announcement, the group said the new trading firm in Dubai would enable MSM to diversify its income stream from foreign earnings through destination trading of raw and refined sugar on top of export sales of refined sugar.

On plans to build a new facility in Johor, Hendroff said the RM1bil plant in Tanjung Langsat, Johor would be ready in 2017.

The plant will have the capacity to produce 1 million tonnes of sugar a year.



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