

Tradewinds sells subsidiary

PLANTATIONS group Tradewinds (M) Bhd, a company linked to Tan Sri Syed Mokhtar Al-Bukhary, has sold its subsidiary company Tenaga Lestari (M) Sdn Bhd for US\$2.3 million. The group said the disposal to Willalpha Investments Limited will facilitate its divestment of low yielding investments while the proceeds would be used to pay debts. Based on the carrying value of the investment as at December 2005, the sale is expected to result in a gain on disposal of RM9 million at Tradewinds' group level. Tenaga Lestari is the group's investment arm for its plantation activities in Indonesia. Based on the accounts ended December 31 2005, its subsidiary companies had net liabilities of RM15.2 million and recorded a net loss of RM1.2 million.