

BAuto IPO to raise RM57.93m

PETALING JAYA: Berjaya Auto Bhd (BAuto), which plans to seek a listing on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia on Nov 18, 2013, hopes to raise RM57.93 million from its initial public offering (IPO) by issuing 82.76 million new shares at an issue price of 70 sen apiece.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia on Friday, BAuto said of the 82.76 million new shares, 41.45 million shares will be placed out to Malaysian institutional and selected investors, 10.16 million shares to bumiputra investors and 19.16 million shares will be reserved for entitled shareholders of Berjaya Corp Bhd (BCorp).

The remaining 12 million shares will be reserved for eligible directors and employees.

BAuto said it plans to use 72% of the proceeds or RM41.7 million for working capital.

"Based on the issue price of 70 sen per issue share and the issued and paid-up share capital of 802.76 billion shares upon listing, the total market capitalisation of our company upon listing is approximately RM561.9 million," it said, adding that the issue price was based on the price-to-earnings multiple of about 11.1 times based on the earnings per share of 6.3 sen.

Application for the shares will open until 5pm on Nov 1, 2013.

BAuto is the listing vehicle of Bermaz Motor Sdn Bhd, a 75.4%-owned subsidiary of BCorp.