

## SapuraCrest, Kencana respond to merger queries

**PETALING JAYA:** SapuraCrest Petroleum Bhd and Kencana Petroleum Bhd have responded to several queries from Bursa Malaysia regarding the proposed merger of the two companies.

In its reply to the local bourse yesterday, both companies said the issue price of RM2 for each Integral

Key Sdn Bhd (IKSB) share was determined after taking into consideration the total share consideration of approximately RM10bil (for both Kencana and SapuraCrest) and the total share capital base of approximately five billion IKSB shares of RM1.00 each.

IKSB, a special purpose vehicle of

Mayban Ventures, last month offered to merge SapuraCrest and Kencana into one entity for a total consideration of RM11.85bil.

In its note to Bursa yesterday, Kencana said the offer, which was equivalent to RM3 for each Kencana share, was determined by IKSB based on its own consideration.

"The offer translates into a premium of 7.1% or 20 sen over the five-day VWAP (volume weighted average price) of Kencana share of RM2.80," it said.

Kencana also said that OSK Investment Bank Bhd was appointed on Aug 3 to act as the independent adviser for the deal.