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Cut-off date to meet terms of Ramunia reverse takeover extended

PETALING JAYA: MISC Bhd and Ramunia Holdings Bhd have extended the cut-off date from Sept 30 to Jan 31 or a later date as the parties may from time to time agree upon, to fulfil the conditions of the proposed reverse takeover (RTO) of Ramunia.

MISC told Bursa Malaysia yesterday that its unit MSE Holdings Sdn Bhd (MSEH) had entered into a supplemental sale and purchase agreement with Ramunia.

The move was to extend the deadline for the fulfilment of all conditions including satisfactory completion of the due diligence under the conditional sale and purchase agreement (SPA) dated Jan 21 this year under the proposed RTO.

The salient terms of the supplemental SPA were to extend the fulfilment of the conditions of the SPA to Jan 31 from the original deadline of Sept 30.

MISC said prior to the cut-off date or the revised cut-off date, the auditors of Ramunia and MSEH would review and verify the management accounts of Malaysia Marine and Heavy Engineering Sdn Bhd and Ramunia respectively up to Oct 31.

Aseambankers maintained its trading buy call on Ramunia "for the transformation story post MISC's entry as a major shareholder."

Beyond that, the stock offered little near-term catalysts, the research house said yesterday.

"While we are confident that the RTO will be successful, we acknowledge that share price downside could be significant should the deal be aborted," it added.

Ramunia closed 3 sen lower to RM1.53 yesterday while MISC was 15 sen down to RM8.50.