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For KNM Steel Sdn Bhd, its recent IT investment include Codeware's (www.codeware.com) Compress, a computer-aided pressure vessel design software to further enhance the design of pressure vessels which integrates with its Coster module, an estimation software to generate more accurate costing of materials and labour base on the design.

"We are embarking on an ERP evaluation exercise now where four vendors were shortlisted to submit their request for proposal

(RFP). This is a two-year, two-phased implementation which involve our head office in Selangor and three manufacturing plants in Malacca, Gebeng and Bintulu," informs Datuk Abdul Rani Mohd Razalli, executive chairman of KNM Steel Sdn Bhd.

Abdul Rani says that the company has invested over RM150,000 in year 2000 and year 2001. The company has also allocated a budget for ERP implementation targeted in year 2002/2003 which includes the ERP solution, infrastructure, and consultancy.

However, he declines to reveal any investment figures for the ERP solutions until the company has selected the ERP vendor. Other IT vendors that KNM have been dealing with include Dell, PDX Info Edge, MPT Pacific Technology and Inter Merger Trading.



The performance of the Enterprise 50 awards winners reflected the strong economic growth of last year, and they fared well in both financial and non-financial evaluations.

— Larry Gan

Enterprise 50 Award

First launched in November 1996, the annual Enterprise 50 award's pool of nominations have grown by 300 per cent, of which 13 past winners have gone on to be publicly listed. Based on the replies from the following companies, most of them already have some sort plan and allocated budget for IT investment. The majority have either electronic resource planning (ERP) systems or electronic data interface (EDI) systems in place. Messaging systems be it via the internet or intranet, are also being utilised in one way or another.

The top 10 winners are:

- 1) Kein Hing Industry Sdn Bhd
- 2) Teck See Plastic Sdn Bhd
- 3) KNM Steel Sdn Bhd
- 4) TFP Precision Industries Sdn Bhd
- 5) Sanko Kasel (M) Sdn Bhd
- 6) Penerbitan Pelangi Sdn Bhd
- 7) OYL Electronics Sdn Bhd
- 8) Top Glove Sdn Bhd
- 9) PPH Printing & Packaging (Kulim) Sdn Bhd
- 10) England Optical Group