

BULLET FEAT ... KNM staff standing next to the largest and heaviest mounded butane storage bullets that was recorded into the Malaysia Book of Records at the KNM plant in Gebeng, Kuantan yesterday.

Storage bullets enter record

KUANTAN: Turnkey storage facility manufacturer KNM Steel Sdn Bhd scored another first by delivering the country's largest and heaviest mounded butane storage bullets weighing 690 tonnes to its owner BASF Petronas at a ceremony held here yesterday.

The event at KNM's plant in Gebeng saw the handing over of one of the four bullets to BASF Petronas managing director John Fastier by KNM managing director Lee Swee Eng. Each of the bullets cost RM6.25mil.

The feat by KNM's engineers and employees was listed in the Malaysia Book of Records as the largest mounded storage bullet and was certified by the records' founder Datuk Danny Ooi.

According to Lee, the bullet was 8.5m in diameter and 76m long, made from carbon steel and was much bigger, longer and heavier than the previous storage vessel record of 8m in diameter and 72m long also manufactured by KNM for export market to Singapore for Oiltanking Singapore Chemical 1 and 2 storage facilities.

"The contract to manufacture the bullets was given to KNM by BASF Petronas this April where the first bullet was completed within eight months. The rest of the bullets are expected to be completed by next April," Lee said after the ceremony.

The bullets will be used for the storage of butane gas at BASF Petronas' butane storage facility located at Kuantan port.