

Century sells land for RM20mil

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PETALING JAYA: Century Logistics Holdings Bhd has entered into a sale and purchase agreement (SPA) to dispose of a 1.5-acre freehold commercial land to Top Glove Properties Sdn Bhd for RM20.26mil.

The company expects to realise a net gain of about RM9.2mil, after deducting ancillary costs and real properties gain tax.

Century said in a filing with Bursa Malaysia that the proceeds would be added to the group's existing deposits, cash and bank balances. The funds will continue to be invested in fixed income unit trust that gener-

ates about 3% per annum.

"The group intends to utilise the funds as and when suitable investments are identified in the future," it said.

As at Dec 31, 2014, the net book value of the property was RM9.21mil. Century bought the land on Feb 25, 2011 for RM8.82mil.

The company said its board took a strategic decision not to proceed with the plan to construct a commercial office building on the property for its use.

"In addition, the disposal presents the right opportunity for Century to dispose of a non-yielding asset which has been vacant for a year, at a substantial gain on dis-

posal," it added.

Top Glove Properties, a unit of Top Glove Corp Bhd, has already paid RM405,109 as initial earnest deposit.

The RM1.62mil balance of deposit will be paid once the agreement is executed.

The balance sum of RM18.23mil will be paid within three months from the date of the agreement.

Century said it would grant Top Glove Properties a one-month extension if the latter was unable to pay the balance sum within that period.

In a separate filing, Top Glove said the land acquisition would be funded by internally generated funds.

Century expects to complete the disposal within three months.