Aviatron inches closer to a new frontier

Construction work at Phase 1 of Aviatron (M) Sdn Bhd, which started in mid-June this year, is fast taking shape at the Penang Science Park in Bukit Minyak. The building structure is now 40% complete, and it is scheduled for completion end of Dec 2011, as planned.
Aviatron’s Electrical switch room has been completed and handed over to the relevant authority, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB).

A New Frontier Awaits – Aviatron is inching itself closer to becoming a new frontier. Once completed, Aviatron is set to manufacture nacelle major machined parts for Goodrich aerostructures. With Aviatron, SAM is renewing its commitment to contribute positively to the local economic landscape, and also to raise the profile of the country as a major player to the international aviation community.
Temasek visits SAM Malaysia

Temasek Holdings, the parent shareholders of SAM Malaysia, recently paid a visit to the latter’s facilities, located in Penang. The visit is the first by Temasek since becoming the major shareholder of SAM Malaysia in February 2008.

Lead by Ong Beng Teck, the Managing Director of Temasek’s Investment unit, the team toured SAM Malaysia’s Equipment Manufacturing and Aerospace facilities. The tour proved to be an eye-opener, enabling Temasek to have a better understanding of our diversified nature of businesses.

SAM Malaysia was honoured to play host to Temasek Holdings on their recent visit to Penang. The visit is an enriching experience for the Temasek team who were impressed with our site facilities and operations.

Prior to the tour, SAM Group’s management team presented an overview of our business structure and directions to the Temasek delegates.
Apart from Ong, others in the Temasek entourage were Cheryl Seet, Associate Director of Investment; Chuah Kee Heng, Director of Investment; Lim Chong Chong; Associate Director of Corporate Finance; Chua Tse-Ling; Associate Director of Legal & Regulations; and Rohit Bhattacharya; Associate Director of Portfolio Management.

Eye-opening tour – the Temasek team listening intently to BK Ng, VP of SAM Meerkat Division, as he explains the work process at the equipment manufacturing shopfloor.
PC Ho, VP of SAM Precision Division (left) and Yap Han Lin, Operations Manager (2nd from left), briefing the Temasek delegates on the aluminium engine casings produced at SAM Malaysia.

Having a "tete-a-tete".....President & CEO of SAM Group, Jeffrey Goh, (left) spending some private moments in deep conversation with Temasek’s Ong Beng Teck, its Managing Director of Investment, as they toured the aerospace production floor.
Token of goodwill - Temasek’s Managing Director of Investment, Ong Beng Teck (right) presenting a memento to the President & CEO of SAM Group, Jeffrey Goh, to commemorate Temasek’s visit to SAM Malaysia.

About Temasek:

Its portfolio covers a broad spectrum of industries: financial services; transportation & industrials; telecommunications, media & technology; life sciences, consumer & real estate; energy & resources.

Temasek has a multinational staff of over 400 people, supported by 12 affiliates and offices in Asia and Latin America.
SAM Advocates Road Safety to Employees

Meerkat Precision, the aerospace arm of SAM Malaysia, recently held a Road Safety Campaign at its premises, aimed at educating, equipping and encouraging its employees to adopt road safety measures.

The half-day campaign started off with a talk by the Road Safety Dept, offering practical road safety tips, followed by an exhibition highlighting road safety do’s and don’ts.

Organized by the Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) committee of Meerkat Precision, the campaign was held at the production area and attracted the participation of more than 80 employees, mainly motorcyclists.

Better be safe than sorry.....machinists taking a closer look at road safety do’s and don’ts, as displayed in the exhibition panels containing information on road safety.
Yap Han Lin, Operations Manager of Meerkat Precision (right) presenting token of appreciation to the representatives of Road Safety Dept.

Safety Matters Most – employees were taught on tools and techniques to ascertain if a car tyre needs to be changed, amongst other road safety tips.
Dateline: Suzhou, China

Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival

“May we all be blessed with longevity. Though far apart, we are still able to share the beauty of the moon together” – Su Dongpo, a famous poet from the Song dynasty era.

The Mid-Autumn Festival, also popularly known as the Mooncake festival, is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month, where the moon is supposedly at its brightest. To the Chinese community, the Mid-autumn festival is a family celebration where people return to their hometown to be with their family and loved ones. It is also considered a harvest festival since fruits, vegetables and grain would have been harvested by this time and food was abundant in the household.

Mooncakes are regarded as an indispensable delicacy on this occasion. Mooncakes are offered between family members as they gather to celebrate the festival.
In conjunction with the Mid-Autumn Festival, SAM Meerkat (Suzhou) organized a dinner for its employees near the Yangcheng Lake, a freshwater lake about 3km northeast of Suzhou town in Jiangsu province. Besides admiring the moon and enjoying fine food, they also had a chance to taste the famous Yangcheng Lake hairy crabs. All in all, it was the perfect occasion to strengthen friendship and instil a sense of belonging.

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Dateline: Germany

Sitec Aerospace offers Apprenticeship programme

Sitec Aerospace, has, over the years integrated its apprenticeship programme into the company, successfully leading to the development of an “internal pool” of potential future employees.

Recently Sitec, a manufacturer of actuators, valves, hydraulics, and flight controls opened its doors to four new apprentices, two as “Industrial Management Assistants” and the other two as “Industrial Mechanics”.

All of them will undergo on-the-job training at Sitec and at their school, for a period of 36 months and 42 months respectively before sitting for their final examination. During the time spent at Sitec, the apprentices will get the opportunity to work with all relevant departments.

Meet the apprentices (left to right): Johannes Elgrasser and Maximilian Stern (both Industrial Mechanics) and Andrea Oswald and Carolin Grasberger (both Industrial Management Assistants).