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Frontken Earnings Retreat On Forex Losses



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PETALING JAYA: Frontken Corp Bhd posted almost a 10% decline in net profit to RM9.83mil for the fourth quarter ended Dec 31, 2017, from RM10.87mil a year earlier.

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“If we were to exclude the foreign exchange impact, the current quarter’s performance would have been 36% better than the preceding quarter,” Frontken said.

According to the Semiconductor Industry Association, the global semiconductor industry reached another key milestone in November 2017, notching its highest-ever monthly sales, and appears poised to reach US\$400bil in annual sales for the first time.

“As a result of the growth momentum of the semi-conductor business, the group’s subsidiaries in Taiwan and Singapore achieved an improved business performance of 30.1% and 0.6%, respectively compared to the preceding year corresponding quarter,” Frontken said.

However, the slowdown in the oil and gas sector has resulted in Frontken’s business to drop in its subsidiaries in Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

For the full year of 2017, Fronken’s net profit jumped 49% jump to RM29.86mil, compared to RM20.04mil a year earlier.