

BP Plastics expects a better FY08 despite rising costs

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PLASTIC products manufacturer BP Plastics Holding Bhd is optimistic of better results this financial year despite threats of rising raw material and operational costs that will erode margins, says

managing director Lim Chun Yow.

"We are confident of doing better than last year due to the strong first quarter performance. We will also have to pass the costs to customers.

BP Plastic, which claims

to be the most efficient plastic film manufacturer in the country saw its net profit surge by 197% to RM4.18 million for its first quarter ended March 31, 2008 compared to RM1.4 million a year earlier.

Revenue climbed 65.9% to

RM67.39 million from RM40.62 million previously.

At an AGM/EGM in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, shareholders of the company approved the first and final dividend of 3 sen per share.

According to a statement from the company, BP Plastics

does not have any formal dividend policy at the moment.

However, it is currently working on providing a 20% to 40% dividend to reward shareholders subject to company cashflow and fund requirements.