

# UAC to acquire 2 plants from Ratchaburi

UAC Global Plc, an MAI-listed chemical trader, is buying two power plants from Ratchaburi Energy Co in Sukhothai province to create new revenue streams.

The acquisitions are part of a plan to expand business in 2016 through capital expenditure of 1.8 billion baht, said UAC president Chatchaphol Prasopchoke.

The purchase of the two power plants with a combined power-generating capacity of 6.9 megawatts will be done through the company's subsidiary, UAC Energy Co.

"The acquisition will be finalised within April 1, when we will immediately book revenue from the two power plants," Mr Chatchaphol said.

He declined to reveal how much the company paid for the plants or what type they are.

UAC Global is also expected to see rising revenue from the napier-grass biogas power plant in Chiang Mai's Mae Tang district, with power-generating capacity of 1.5MW.

With the diversification into the power sector, the company expects its chemical trading business to grow by 20-30% over the next few years as the market becomes saturated.

Last year, UAC took over the entire 250-million-baht stake of Advance Polymers and Chemicals Co, a polymer emulsion and solution firm.

Meanwhile, the renewable energy business is expected to double.

UAC aims to raise its renewable energy capacity to 80MW during the three years to 2017. Under the company's renewable energy development plan through 2020, biogas power plants will be developed to add an additional 3,000MW to the current 300MW, while waste-to-energy projects will generate as much as 200MW.

Mr Chatchaphol said the proportion of revenue from renewable energy and chemical trade at the end of 2016 would be equal.

UAC shares closed yesterday on the MAI at 5.50 baht, up 10 satang, in trade worth 3.17 million baht.