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GEORGE KENT ADVANCES SMART METERING WITH THE NATION'S FIRST BRANDED ULTRASONIC WATER METER

*Pioneering smart metering solution developed in partnership with
Shanghai-listed Topscomm*

PUCHONG, 12 JUNE 2025 – Following its announcement on 24 February 2025 regarding the establishment of GK SUPERTECH SDN BHD (GK SuperTech), George Kent (Malaysia) Berhad (George Kent or the Group) today announced a strategic partnership with Qingdao Topscomm Communication Co., Ltd. (Topscomm), a public listed company on the Shanghai Stock Exchange. The partnership was formalised at a signing ceremony on 10 June 2025 at Topscomm's headquarters in Qingdao, China, marking the official start of a long-term strategic alliance.

This partnership paves the way for the development of GK Ultra, the nation's first locally branded ultrasonic water meter, a smart metering solution that is currently under development and engineered to meet international standards and support global market expansion. GK Ultra also supports Malaysia's National Industrial Master Plan 2030 (NIMP), which aims to position Malaysia as a high-technology and innovation-driven economy. As the only Malaysian company to introduce a locally branded smart ultrasonic water meter to the market, it aligns with NIMP's goals of digitalisation, promoting homegrown innovation and high-technology exports.

This collaboration combines George Kent's more than 80 years of industry expertise with Topscomm's technological capabilities in smart metering. It also advances the Group's digitalisation strategy driven by GK SuperTech; its wholly owned technology subsidiary focused on developing and scaling next-generation smart utility solutions.

GK Ultra aims to deliver a compelling alternative with up to four times the accuracy of conventional mechanical water meters, along with superior durability and digital connectivity. Utilising ultrasonic technology with no moving parts, GK Ultra is embedded with Internet-of-Things (IoT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities for real-time data monitoring, remote meter reading, leak detection, and predictive maintenance, empowering utilities worldwide to transition toward intelligent, data-driven water management.

As smart cities and digital infrastructure gain momentum globally, the smart ultrasonic water meter market is projected to grow from USD3.85 billion in 2024 to USD9.65 billion by 2037, according to Research Nester Analytics LLC. George Kent is well positioned to capture a share of this growing market with a globally scalable solution.

“GK Ultra marks a pivotal point in George Kent’s evolution, from a trusted national brand to a global technology player. We are proud to deliver a product that competes on the world stage, aligns with our vision of digital transformation, and supports infrastructure sustainability for our customers globally,” said Tan Sri Dato’ Tan Kay Hock, Executive Chairman of George Kent.

“We are proud to partner with George Kent in introducing this cutting-edge metering technology to Malaysia and international markets. Together, we aim to reshape how water utilities operate by delivering intelligent infrastructure that supports efficiency, accountability, and sustainability,” said Mr. Liu Min, Chairman of Topscomm.

This collaboration marks the beginning of a promising partnership between George Kent and Topscomm, opening the door for potential future collaborations on other innovative products.

With its sights firmly set on local and international markets, George Kent and GK SuperTech are now poised to deliver next-generation metering solutions across the globe, driving sustainable growth and digital transformation in utility management worldwide.



From left to right:

Seated:

1. Dr. Diao Ruipeng (Vice General Manager of Topscomm)
2. Datuk Thomas Leong (Director of Strategy and Investments of George Kent)

Standing:

1. Mr. Lu Xue (Global Marketing Manager of Topscomm)
2. Ms. Chen Ping (Chief Financial Officer of Topscomm)
3. Mr. Yuan Zhishuang (Vice President of Topscomm)
4. Mr. Liu Min (Chairman of Topscomm)
5. Mr. Zeng Fanyi (Chief Executive Officer of Topscomm)
6. Tan Sri Dato' Tan Kay Hock (Executive Chairman of George Kent)
7. Puan Sri Datin' Tan Swee Bee (Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of George Kent)
8. Mr. Steven Ang Si Eeng (Chief Financial Officer of George Kent)
9. Mr. Tio Yit Ching (General Manager, Office of the Executive Chairman of George Kent)
10. Mr. Kew Khak Huong (AGM, Export Sales & Business Development of George Kent)

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About George Kent (Malaysia) Berhad

George Kent is an established engineering and metering company in the water infrastructure, rail transportation and hospital construction industries. The Company specialises in the turnkey construction of water infrastructure and hospital projects, system works for rail transportation, and operation and maintenance of water treatment facilities.

Known for proven engineering excellence, George Kent has a strong track record of successfully completing high-value and technology-critical projects. The Company also manufactures and supplies water metering products and solutions for household, industrial and plant use. It operates one of the largest hot brass-forging plants in Southeast Asia for the production of internationally certified water meters, and supplies to water authorities in Malaysia and in the ASEAN region.

For more information, please visit www.georgekent.net.

About Qingdao Topscmm Communication Co., Ltd.

Topscmm founded in 2008 in Qingdao and listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange in 2016, is a high-tech enterprise with three major facilities – a chip R&D centre in Shanghai, an algorithm centre in Xi'an and a high-tech manufacturing facility in Qingdao. Its solutions span smart power distribution networks, metering, new energy, smart street lighting, smart water services, smart fire protection, and telecommunications tower business.

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