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Gan (second from left) during the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of BCM automotive and IoT hub — pic source: bcmcorp.com.my

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**AURELIUS** Technologies Bhd, through its subsidiary BCM Electronics Corp Sdn Bhd, had purchased two vacant industrial lands at Northern Technocity in Kulim Hi-Tech Park from Northern Technocity Sdn Bhd.

The lands measuring approximately 13.16 acres (5.33ha) are to be developed into a body control module (BCM) automotive and Internet of Things (IoT) hub by Aurelius Technologies.

Aurelius Technologies group CEO and ED Loh Hock Chiang said once operational, the hub will serve as a new technology hub for the company's new advanced products.

The planned BCM automotive and IoT hub will cost about RM450 million to develop, and is scheduled to be operational by the fourth quarter of 2024 (4Q24), barring extenuating circumstances.

The development will span across 243,977 square feet of advanced manufacturing and research and development (R&D) space, equipped with advanced technology, and include 12,945 square feet of cleanroom facilities.

This will set the stage for Aurelius Technologies to introduce advanced manufacturing capabilities targeting automotive components and advanced IoT applications.

Northern Technocity head Gan Seng Keong commended Aurelius Technologies for having evolved as a domestic direct investor (DDI) supporting the foreign direct investors (FDIs) by integrating into the multi-national companies' ecosystem.

"This is very much in line with the government's vision of developing and supporting potential Malaysian companies into the international arena," he said in a statement.

Gan added that under three years Northern Technocity has completed the platform with infrastructure and utilities for all its industrial plots.

The "plug-and-play" development model provides assurance to investors in accelerating the investors' development timelines.

"This demonstrates Northern Technocity's ability to succeed, as shown by MMC Land Sdn Bhd's industrial developments in Senai and Pontian, Johor, covering about 5,000 acres.

"Our flagship, Senai Airport City, hosts many high-tech manufacturing facilities, R&D centres and regional distribution centres for the global market, benefitting from the synergy with MMC Group's industrial facilities at our ports and parks," he said.

Northern Technocity, a member of MMC Group, is the developer of the 354-acre Northern Technocity, located within the Kulim Hi-Tech Park, a fully integrated high technology park in Kedah.

BCM Electronics is a world-class provider of electronics manufacturing services, with three decades of experience in the industry, and specialises in "high mix-low volume" and "medium mix-medium volume" solutions.