

Hollista to build RM8.5mil collagen-producing plant

PETALING JAYA: Australian-listed Hollista CollTech Ltd will build an 11,000-sq-ft collagen-producing plant at a biotechnology hub near Kuala Lumpur.

Hollista chief executive officer Datuk Dr Rajen Marnickavasagar said a RM8.5mil plant would be built to produce the food-grade sheep collagen using *halal* processes.

Rajen said in a statement that construction would commence next month and would be completed next April.

"The purpose-built facility is designed to handle food-grade collagen which requires processes different from those used to make collagen for cosmetic and medical purposes at our plant in Collier, western Australia," he added.

Rajen said the Malaysian facility could produce one tonne of collagen per day from imported Australian sheep skins which served as the primary raw material and could be scaled-up three-fold if needed.