

KLCI slips early Wednesday, Serba Dinamik in focus

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KUALA LUMPUR: Blue chips fell in early Wednesday trade, dragged down by losses in MISC and Petronas Dagangan, in line with the cautious key Asian markets, while crude oil prices fell.

However, Serba Dinamik was in focus on its listing debut amid the mixed broader market.

At 9.41am, the KLCI was down two points or 0.12% to 1,686.84. Turnover was 403.53 million shares valued at RM232.81mil. There were 229 gainers, 226 losers and 264 counters unchanged.

Kenanga Investment Bank Research said chart-wise, the KLCI has formed a “Spinning Top” candlestick to signify indecision of market direction, as the key index faces pressure while it attempts to inch closer towards the psychological 1,700 mark.

“Indicator wise, MACD line is ironing out and looking to stage a bearish crossover to lay a hand on a tepid outlook ahead.

“RSI and Stochastic are also back pedalling to reflect the dissipating bull momentum on the index.

“Thus, we opine that the KLCI could look to take a breather from its recent climb over the past few days. Resistance levels are now found at 1,690 (R1) followed by 1,700 (R2), while support levels are tied at 1,690 (S1)/1,660 (S2),” it said.

Bloomberg reported oil prices dropped on Wednesday to extend falls from the previous day, as a massive increase in US fuel inventories and a slump in Chinese demand implied that global crude markets remain oversupplied despite OPEC-led efforts to cut output.

Brent crude futures, fell 52 cents to US\$54.53 while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were down 65 cents to US\$51.52.

At Bursa Malaysia, Serba Dinamik was up two sen to RM1.52. It was the most active with 33.20 million shares done.

BAT fell the most, down 30 sen to RM44.50, HLFG and PPB Group lost 12 sen each to RM14.88 and RM16.28 while MISC lost nine sen to RM7.46 and Petronas Dagangan shed eight sen to RM23.40.

SAM Engineering fell 19 sen to RM5.38 after posting a weaker set of earnings.

Shell Refining rose 12 sen to RM3.09 on expectations of a higher takeover offer after the minority shareholders were told to reject the offer of RM1.90 a share.

SP Setia and Allianz added six sen to RM3.47 and RM11.30 while MBM Resources reboundd to add six sen to RM2.41.