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KUALA LUMPUR, August 21, 2014: Ekuiti Nasional Berhad (Ekuinas), the government-linked private equity fund management company, has invested nearly RM400 million in two companies to further expand its oil and gas and food and beverage (F&B) portfolios.

In a statement Thursday, Ekuinas said it invested RM346.3 million to acquire up to 95.5 per cent stake in Orkim Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia's leading clean petroleum product tanker company.

It said the move was in line with its strategy of acquiring non-core or divestible assets of government-linked companies and public-listed companies.

The investment in Orkim is expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of this year.

Ekuinas said its retail F&B arm, Integrated Food Group Sdn. Bhd., has invested RM50.8 million for a 60 per cent equity in CoolBlogSdn. Bhd., a home-grown franchised desserts and

Ekuinas' chief executive officer, Datuk Abdul Rahman Ahmad, said this investment would allow Ekuinas to work with smaller Malaysian and Bumiputera entrepreneurs and help create a sustainable income for them.

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