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## MRT CORP'S RESPONSE TO MEMORANDUM FROM IKHLAS

**Kuala Lumpur, 9 March 2017:** Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to address the issues raised by the non-governmental organisation Pertubuhan Ikatan Usahawan Kecil dan Sederhana Malaysia (IKHLAS) which claims to be speaking on behalf of certain strata lot owners of the Ampang Park Shopping Centre.

The issues were raised in a memorandum which was handed over to MRT Corp by IKHLAS this morning.

MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relations Dato' Najmuddin Abdullah reiterated the fact that its offer of a mutual agreement for co-existence to the strata lot owners of Ampang Park Shopping Centre was premised on the requirement that 100% of the lot owners agree to the arrangement.

"The 100% agreement condition is not imposed on the owners by MRT Corp but is clearly a legal requirement which needs to be complied with," he said.

Najmuddin explained that the agreement of all 253 strata lot owners was required because the construction of the MRT tunnel and the pedestrian linkway between the future Ampang Park MRT Station and the existing Ampang Park LRT Station involved the common property of the building as defined under the Strata Titles Act 1985 and the Strata Management Act 2013," he said.

The provision of seamless integration between the Ampang Park MRT and LRT Stations is crucial to enable passengers to transfer from the SSP Line and the existing Kelana Jaya LRT Line with ease. Without this integration, the two lines will not be to be linked at all.



“This mutual agreement for coexistence would have averted the acquisition under the Land Acquisition Act 1960. It would also have enabled Ampang Park Shopping Centre to be spared from demolition,” he said.

Unfortunately, he said this offer which was made in 2015 was not accepted by the owners and a group of 39 owners owning a total of 62 strata units subsequently initiated a judicial review of the land acquisition.

Najmuddin pointed out that pursuant to the judicial review, the legality of the acquisition of the Ampang Park Shopping Centre had been decided first by the High Court of Malaya on 30 June 2016 and then by the Court of Appeal on 18 January 2017. In both instances, the courts have decided in the Government’s favour.

Leave is currently being sought by the 39 owners to appeal to the Federal Court against the decision of the Court of Appeal. MRT Corp awaits the outcome of the leave application and shall abide by the decision of the court.

“As to the call for the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission or the police to investigate, I have stated previously that MRT Corp welcomes any authority to investigate the allegations made with regards to the acquisition of the Ampang Park Shopping Centre,” Najmuddin said.

He added that MRT Corp was ready to extend its fullest cooperation to the authorities to facilitate investigations.

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