

# IJM, AZRB win MRT jobs

## MRT names the two firms' units main contractor for packages worth RM1.7b

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** IJM Corp Bhd and Ahmad Zaki Resources Bhd (AZRB) have been awarded two significant construction packages to build part of the My Rapid Transit (MRT) Sungai Buloh-Kajang line totalling RM1.74bil.

IJM and AZRB's wholly owned subsidiaries IJM Construction Sdn Bhd and Ahmad Zaki Sdn Bhd respectively, have been appointed by MRT Corp as the main contractor for package V5 and package V6 of the MRT construction works.

According to an MRT statement, IJM Construction will be appointed the main contractor for package V5 which entails the construction and completion of viaduct guideway and other associated works from the

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Maluri Portal to the Plaza Phoenix station worth RM974mil.

Ahmad Zaki will be the main contractor for package V6 which entails the construction and completion of viaduct guideway and other associated works from the Plaza Phoenix to the Bandar Tun Hussein Onn station with a contract value of RM764mil. A viaduct guideway is an elevated guideway structure where the tracks of the MRT trains will be located in.

"Both awards are subject to the successful tenderers accepting the

letter of award to be issued by MRT in due course," it said.

"After stringent and comprehensive evaluation by the one stop procurement committee chaired by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, MRT is pleased to announce this award to IJM Construction and Ahmad Zaki. Both companies are helmed by experienced management teams and have a solid track record of delivering projects on time and within costs," said MRT chief executive officer Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid.

Azhar said that MRT would ramp up its efforts to publicly announce the tender and award schedule for the various work packages, adding that all work packages would be "subject to competitive bidding."

"Let me emphasise that all bidders will have equal opportunity in the

tender process and the winning bid will be strictly based on merit," Azhar added.

The MRT line which will be constructed is 51km long, of which 9.5km of tracks will be constructed underground.

The alignment of the tracks will be located underground within the city centre while it will be elevated in the outskirts of the city.

The Sungai Buloh-Kajang MRT route has a total of 31 train stations which run across the capital from suburban areas in the north west of the Klang Valley (Sungai Buloh station) to the suburbs of the Klang Valley's south-east area (Kajang station).

The construction of the MRT is estimated to cost RM36.6bil and this figure excludes the cost of land acquisition.