

MRT works list soon

List on 90 packages of jobs from Sungai Buloh-Kajang to be unveiled

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KUALA LUMPUR: MRT Co, the project and asset owner of the Klang Valley My Rapid Transit (MRT), will make public the list of all the works for the Sungai Buloh-Kajang MRT line that total up to 90 packages soon.

This list of packages of the largest infrastructure project that the country has ever undertaken is expected to excite the construction industry which is eagerly waiting to be involved in this massive project.

MRT Co chief executive officer Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid told *StarBiz* the list of 90 packages included about 20 that had earlier been awarded.

"For the future packages, we will

also give the dates for the call for tenders, periods of evaluation and expected dates of awards.

"We expect to release this information this week or the next.

"Most of the big packages will be awarded this year and the smaller ones in the early part of next year.

"I think it is only fair that everybody is informed of what's going on and at the end of the day, everyone is a stakeholder of this project," he said.

Azhar said the packages earlier awarded included advanced works such as relocation of utilities and land clearing.

Clearing of land was already done in the Sungai Buloh depot, Semantan portal site and Cochrane site.

"Two of big packages were recently awarded to IJM Corp Bhd and Ahmad Zaki Resources Bhd.

MRT Co had recently announced that IJM Construction was appointed the main contractor for package V5 which entailed the construction and completion of viaduct guideway and other associated works from the 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 a 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 letters of award to be issued by MRT in due course.

Azhar said these were two out of the eight elevated portion packages.

"For the remaining six, we will award the packages by middle of this year," he said.

Besides the elevated packages, Azhar said the award of the single largest package that involved tunnelling works would be announced in April.

"The tunnelling works are anticipated to take 30%-40% of the total cost of the project," he said.

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