

# MRT Corp pre-qualify 28 companies bidding for 6 system work packages

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MASS Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) yesterday pre-qualified 28 companies, out of 51 local and international bidders, for two groups of six system work packages.

MRT Corp is the government-linked company (GLC) set up to implement the MRT system in the Klang Valley.

According to the GLC, the six work packages include electric trains, de-

pot equipment and maintenance vehicles, signalling and train control system, platform screen doors, power supply and distribution system, and track works.

"All applications went through a rigorous evaluation process to ensure that the MRT project is delivered within the targeted time and cost," MRT Corp chief executive officer Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid said in a press statement yesterday.

Applicants were evaluated based on a list of criteria — financial capabilities, track record, experience, existing management staff and key personnel, the average annual construction turnover in the last five years, their existing plant and equipment as well as their existing quality, safety, health and environment practices.

Azhar added that there were a few big and established companies

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which failed to pre-qualify because of the quality of their submissions. MRT Corp recently made public the full list of 90 work packages which range from advance works to multi-storey car parks.

The GLC is expected to award most of the construction packages for the first line — Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) — by year-end, with two packages already underway.

In late January, it awarded two construction packages for the SBK line worth a total of RM1.74 billion.

The first, worth RM974 million, went to IJM Construction Sdn Bhd for the construction of the viaduct guideway and associated works from the Maluri Portal to the Plaza Phoenix station.

The second, worth RM764 million, went to Ahmad Zaki Sdn Bhd for the construction of the same from Plaza Phoenix

to the Bandar Tun Hussein Onn station. Earlier this week, MRT Corp was reported to have initiated plans for the next two lines which will form the bulk of the project.

The second line is slated to be a circle line serving the inner city, connecting existing high density areas and proposed developments, while the third will serve the northwest to southeast regions outside Kuala Lumpur by connecting areas like Kepong, Selayang and Klang. "The priority now is to prepare proposals for the second and third MRT lines by the end of the year," Azhar was quoted as saying by a local business daily.

The MRT project is Malaysia's largest public infrastructure plan and key enabler to achieving the "Greater KL" goal, propelling Kuala Lumpur into the Top 20 most liveable and economically vibrant cities in the world by 2020.

### MRT CORP'S 28 SHORTLISTED COMPANIES

#### System Works Packages (System Group 1)

##### Electric Train:

- Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd
- Bombardier (M) Sdn Bhd & Bombardier Sifang (Qingdao) Transportation Ltd & Scomi Rail Bhd Consortium
- CNR Changchun Railway Vehicles Co Ltd
- Siemens (M) Sdn Bhd & Siemens AG
- Hyundai Rotem Co
- CSR Zhuzhou Electric Locomotive Co Ltd

##### Signalling and Train Control System:

- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd
- Siemens (M) Sdn Bhd & Siemens AG
- CMC-Thales Consortium
- Konsortium Ansaldo STS Emrail
- Bombardier Transportation Signal (Thailand) Ltd

##### Depot Equipment and Maintenance Vehicles:

- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd
- Jiangsu Transportation Research Institute Co Ltd
- Siemens AG & Siemens (M) Sdn Bhd
- George Kent (M) Bhd—D&P Ltd—Lionpac JV

##### Platform Screen Doors:

- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd
- Singapore Technologies Electronics Ltd
- SPS Consortium
- Faively Transport Far East Ltd

#### System Works Packages (System Group 2)

##### Power Supply and Distribution System:

- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd
- Meidensha Corp
- Siemens (M) Sdn Bhd & Siemens AG
- Balfour Beatty Group Ltd

##### Track Works:

- Eiffage—Kaden—Kencana JV
- Poshi Consortium
- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd
- Leighton Contractors (M) Sdn Bhd
- Balfour Beatty Group Ltd