

MMC hopes to start MRT job by January

RM8.28B PACKAGE: Company expects to kick off underground works after delivery of six tunnel boring machines in December

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MMC Corp Bhd, a construction, power and port group, expects to commence the RM8.28 billion underground works package for the RM30 billion Klang Valley MY Rapid Transit (MRT) project by January next year.

“We have placed order for tunnel boring machines (TBMs) and the machines are expected to be delivered in December.

“We will be ready to start by January next year,” said MMC group managing director Datuk Hasni Harun recently.

He also said MMC was negotiating with MRT Corp on other work packages for the MRT project.



*MMC group MD **Datuk Hasni Harun** says the company is also hoping to secure more work packages*

Last month, MMC and its partner, Gamuda Bhd, were awarded the underground works package for the mass transportation project.

The two companies, through their joint-venture firm KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd, will be responsible for the 9.5km stretch from Semantan North Portal to Maluri South Portal.

The package, valued at RM8.28 billion, is the biggest portion of the MRT project.

According to reports, the contract will involve the designing and construction of tunnels and seven underground stations along the stretch.

MMC-Gamuda KVMRT had earlier signed a deal worth RM360 million to buy six TBMs from Herrenknecht AG.

The six TBMs are part of the 10 machines it needed to tunnel through the 9.5km stretch at a depth of 25m. It will decide later on the purchase of the remaining four TBMs.