

# Delay due to misinformation, says MRT Corp

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** MRT Corporation blames misinformation for the delay in Jalan Sultan shoplot owners signing a Points of Agreement (POA).

Its chief executive officer Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid said yesterday he is determined to do the necessary to make things clear.

“Misinformation is the main reason for owners taking so long to sign the POA. We have had more than 10 public engagements with various parties and we will have more if we have to,” he said at a media briefing to dispel doubts and address questions from the media on the MRT project in Jalan Sultan.

Azhar said claims that three government-owned buildings that would be demolished to build the MRT station in Jalan

Sultan are heritage buildings are not true.

He also clarified that studies on soil composition and the proposed alternative of realigning the MRT track to Jalan Tun Tan Cheng Lock had already been conducted.

“The soil below Jalan Sultan, where we wish to build the tunnel, is composed of weathered rock, which is good for tunnelling. And our studies have shown that Jalan Sultan is the optimal path for the track,” he said.

Azhar said 16 of the 24 shoplot owners had signed the POA, some had requested for their properties to be acquired, and others were planning to sign the agreement.

He said the project is still on schedule, with tunnelling expected to begin next year and end in 2014.

The MRT is expected to be fully functioning in 2017.