

Final value of MRT Line to be known by year-end

ADDING THEM UP: Figure will be determined after all 85 contracts are awarded

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MASS Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) said the final value of the 51km Sg Buloh-Kajang (SBK) MRT Line will be determined by the end of this year, when all the 85 contracts are awarded.

So far, MRT Corp has awarded 31 contracts valued at RM13.83 billion, said its director for strategic communications and public relations Amir Mahmood Razak.

Amir said there are 23 contracts in the process of evaluation, and they will be awarded soon.

Among them include the RM1.6 billion contract to supply trains for the Sg Buloh-Kajang line, which will be awarded by end-July, Amir said.

MRT Corp received bids from Changchun Railways Vehicle Co Ltd, Siemens SMH Rail Consortium and CSR Zhuzhou Electric Locomotive

Co Ltd to supply the trains.

Three other groups who said they would bid but pulled out from the tender were Kawasaki Heavy Industries Rolling Stock Co, Bombardier Transportation and Hyundai Rotem Co.

"We are disappointed that only three groups have bid for the rolling stocks. We are evaluating the proposals and will award the job next month," Amir said.

Amir is confident that phase one of the MRT line 1 from Sg Buloh to Semantan will be operational by December 2016, and phase two, from Kajang to Taman Maluri, by June 2017.

He was speaking yesterday at a briefing by Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd on its RM1.17 billion contract (package V4) for the MRT line.

Sunway Construction was awarded package V4 in May this year, to build a 6.6km viaduct and other associated works between Section 17 in Petaling Jaya and the Semantan Por-

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tal, where the alignment will continue underground.

Three stations will sit along this segment of the line, namely Section 16, Pusat Bandar Damansara and Semantan, with a provisional station at Bukit Kiara.

Kwan Foh-Kwai, the managing di-

rector for Sunway's construction division said works on package V4 commenced on June 18, and will be completed by December 2015.

He expects the contract to start contributing to the company's revenue and net profit from this year onwards.