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MTD ACPI to kick-start MRT job

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KUALA LUMPUR: Manufacturing and construction outfit MTD ACPI Engineering Bhd expects to start work on the viaduct work package worth RM499.98mil for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) line by Aug 7.

In a media briefing yesterday, the company said its subsidiary MTD Construction Sdn Bhd was carrying out the preparatory works for the MRT V7 viaduct package and it expected the latter to start site clearance and earthworks by August.

"We would be engaging the public and implement traffic management to minimise disruption to road users during the construction period," said MTD Construction executive vice-president and construction and contracts division head Md Shukor Mohamed.

He also said the company would be spending about RM30mil to RM35mil for the relocation of utilities and services affected due to the

construction.

It would also conduct dilapidation survey for all building and structures within the corridor of the construction to mitigate the exposure to dust, noise and vibration, while also implement erosion and sedimentation control plan.

The V7 package, which is a Bumiputra-exclusive work package, was awarded to MTD Construction Sdn Bhd in May.

The scope of the project involves building the MRT viaduct guideway and other associated works from Bandar Tun Hussein Onn to Taman Mesra and is due for completion in the second quarter of next year.

Meanwhile, MRT Corp's director of strategic communications and public relations, Amir Mahmood Razak said in a statement that work on the MRT project was progressing well so far with RM13.8bil worth of work packages already awarded.

"Following the commencement of work on V1, V4, V5 & V6, we are pleased to announce that work on V7 will get underway very soon,

bringing us closer towards realising the first MRT line for Klang Valley residents by June 2017," he said.

Work on the viaduct stretches 3.83km and will be the alignment for two MRT stations, namely the stations near Balakong and near Taman Koperasi.

Amir said work would start after the Batu 11 toll plaza of the Grand Saga Highway near Bandar Tun Hussein Onn, and end after the SILK Highway at Sungai Balak Interchange.

Out of the eight viaduct work packages offered by MRT Corp, five have been awarded thus far. The remaining packages, V2 (Kota Damansara-Dataran Sunway), V3 (Dataran Sunway-Section 16) and V8 (Taman Mesra-Kajang), are expected to be awarded in Q2 and Q3 2012.

A total of 85 work packages were tendered out by MRT Corp since the MRT project. Thirty-one have been awarded while 23 work packages are currently being evaluated and 31 are yet to be called.