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# Final viaduct package to be awarded this quarter

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) will award the final viaduct work package from Taman Mesra to Kajang for the Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) My Rapid Transit (MRT) line in the current quarter.

There are eight viaduct work packages available and seven have been awarded so far.

MRT Corp will also award one depot package (Kajang) for the SBK line by September this year, MRT Corp said in a statement yesterday.

Meanwhile, Syarikat Muhibbah Perniagaan & Pembinaan Sdn Bhd and Trans Resources

Corp Sdn Bhd are expected to start construction works soon.

Syarikat Muhibbah, a class A Bumiputera company set up more than 20 years ago, is owned by two low profile businessmen, Ku Haris Ku Mahmud and Hamzah Saadon.

The company had secured a RM1.09 billion job to build viaduct guideways from the Sungai Buloh to Kota Damansara stations.

The viaduct works are for the first stretch of the SBK line and pass through the Sungai Buloh town and the Kota Damansara area.

The works cover the alignment of four MRT stations, namely Sungai Buloh, Kg Baru Sungai Buloh, Rubber Research Institute (RRI), and Kota Damansara.

"The works are expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2014," said MRT Corp director for strategic communications and public relations, Amir Mahmood Razak.

Trans Resources' contract of RM459.9 million is to build a depot and related buildings at RRI in Sungai Buloh, covering 65 hectares.

Amir said the company is expected to com-

plete its job by the end of first quarter of 2016.

"We are confident that both Syarikat Muhibbah and Trans Resources have the capacity and capabilities in carrying out the work packages according to time and cost," Amir said.

So far, MRT Corp has awarded 33 contracts valued at RM15.5 billion for the SBK line. There are 21 contracts in the process of evaluation and they will be awarded soon. The remaining 31 contracts will be awarded by the end of this year. **Sharen Kaur**