

# MRT project sets in motion

## Flat dwellers agree to let MMC-Gamuda carry out survey on their homes

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**A** RECENT briefing with residents on the Klang Valley My Rapid Transit (MRT) project at PPR Laksamana along Jalan Peel, Cheras ended on a positive note.

Most of the 200 attendees consented to a dilapidation survey on the spot with project delivery partners MMC Corporation Bhd and Gamuda Bhd.

A dilapidation survey is done before the commencement of any construction or demolition works, where physical inspections are carried out to existing adjacent buildings. This is done through photographic and digital documentation prior to any conservation work.

Residents, mainly senior citizens, submitted a signed agreement issued by Cunningham Lindsey Adjusters (M) Sdn Bhd on behalf of

MMC-Gamuda, the project delivery partner for this Federal Government project.

Homeowners who do not allow the survey to be carried out will not be able to hold the company responsible for any subsequent damages to their property.

According to MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd public relations manager Abdul Halim Ramli, the survey entailed taking photographs of individual units at Block C's internal and external building structure.

"We will be carrying out the survey soon.

"In the event we are unable to get a written reply from the homeowner, I will personally go and knock on their door to check," he told a press conference recently.

He was however, unclear as to what the next step was if there was no reply from the homeowner.



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There are a total of 260 units at Block C.

Abdul Halim said the survey was being carried out as the Government required them to submit a report on the matter.

"The photos will be kept and used as referral material in case of

future disputes," he said, adding that the form had already been sent to homeowners of Block C flat units three weeks prior to the meeting.

However, Abdul Halim expressed confidence that none of the buildings, including Block C that was closest to the project boundary — about 50m away — would be affected by the MRT construction.

"Residents will not feel any vibrations though there will be some noise which will be kept within the acceptable limits that is under 60 decibels," he said, adding that the Cochrane station was the nearest in the area.

During the briefing, residents from Block A and B also raised their concerns about possible damages to their buildings.

"We will not be carrying out the survey in those two blocks but I will endorse the photos of their units they send to me for their own

records," Abdul Halim said.

He repeatedly assured residents that the company would be fully responsible for damages caused by the project, due to be completed in early 2017.

The residents were also worried about the lack of an official document for Abdul Halim's promise while a few shared their experiences of developers abandoning their promises once their projects were completed.

Cheras MCA head of public complaints bureau John Hon who was present, expressed support for the project.

"MMC-Gamuda has already said they will take full responsibility so I hope the people will cooperate and just allow them access into their homes to take the photos they need," he said.

Titivangsa Umno division deputy chief Affendi Zahari was also present at the event.