

MRT Corp denies claims

‘We deny misleading residents into believing houses would be acquired’

PETALING JAYA: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT Corp) has denied allegations that it had misled residents of Pinggir Zaaba in Taman Tun Dr Ismail, Kuala Lumpur, into believing their houses would be acquired for the MRT project.

“We deny the allegations that we misled the group, and the suggestion that they were unaware of the existence of a Special Compensation Committee (SCC),” it said.

Residents of Pinggir Zaaba had

announced they would take legal action against MRT Corp, claiming that the company had led them into believing they would be compensated accordingly for their houses.

Resident Norliza Kamaruddin, who spoke on the group’s behalf at a press conference on Aug 24, alleged that SCC rejected the acquisition plan on the basis that there was no legal requirement to do so and that it would create an unnecessary precedent for similar situations in

the future.

Norliza was quoted as saying the company’s action in passing the buck to SCC was wrong, as MRT Corp had been discussing the acquisition plan of the properties with the residents since January last year.

MRT Corp said its legal team was currently studying the statements and representations made by the group.

“We also believe some of the statements made at the media con-

ference were clearly intended to mislead the public on our intentions.

“In the interest of setting the record straight, MRT Corp will make public all relevant details pertaining to the discussions which took place with the residents of Pinggir Zaaba.

“MRT Corp will also state the sequence of events leading to the decision of SCC,” it said, adding that it would be issuing a full statement later today.