



## MEDIA RELEASE

# MRT PROJECT MOVES INTO ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION PHASE

**Kuala Lumpur, 1 August 2012:** Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn. Bhd. (MRT Corp) is pleased to announce that the country's largest infrastructure project, the MRT Sungai Buloh – Kajang (SBK) Line, is on schedule, and has now moved from preparatory works to an active construction phase.

In a media briefing held at the MRT Taman Tun Dr. Ismail (TTDI) Information Centre today, Encik Amir Mahmood Razak, Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations of MRT Corp said, "Since the finalisation of the MRT SBK alignment in July 2011, the planning, design and preparatory works for construction have been in full swing".

Thus far, a total of eleven construction works have commenced along the alignment namely:

- Sungai Buloh Depot – Land clearing machinery mobilized
- North Portal at Semantan - Earthworks, drainage and utilities works are currently being carried out. Ground anchor is in progress
- KL Sentral Station – Protection works on welded split trees is in progress
- Merdeka – Works on continued guide wall construction for station box diaphragm walls
- Bukit Bintang Sentral Station - Piloting works and utilities relocation has commenced in July 2012; hoardings have been put up to ensure public safety during the removal of existing structures at the site
- Cochrane Station – Grouting works and installation of ground anchors progressing smoothly in Cochrane station for deep excavation works. Four Tunnelling Boring Machines (TBMs) will be launched at this site in stages
- Pasar Seni Station - Redevelopment works are ongoing, with hoardings works completed
- Maluri Station – Completion of site clearance. Stage One of traffic diversion is in progress with piloting for utilities on-going
- V5 Viaduct works (from Maluri to Plaza Phoenix) – 17 piles completed with utilities piloting in progress
- V6 Viaduct works (from Plaza Phoenix to Bandar Tun Hussein Onn) – 20 piles completed
- Centralised Labour Quarters (CLQs) at RRI, Plaza Phoenix are in progress

"We have received full support from the Government in terms of financing and technical support. All systems have been put in place for the MRT project to ensure that it moves into this new and significant phase", added Encik Amir.

In terms of the project's financing, Danainfra Nasional Bhd recently issued an RM8 billion sukuk financing programme to partly finance the MRT project. As for the technical support required, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) had announced that they have excess capacity to power the MRT works which requires the power generation of 50 megawatts (MW).



“It is comforting to know that we have the rakyat’s support for this project. Our communication vehicles, namely, the MRT Information Centres, MRT Information Kiosks, and the newly launched MRT Information Truck have garnered positive feedback and it indicates public acceptance of the project. MRT Corp is vigorously working around the clock to deliver this project within the agreed timeline to enhance productivity and the quality of life for the residents in the Klang Valley,” said Encik Amir.

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**About the MRT Project**

*MRT is a new rail transport system for the Klang Valley. It is part of the government’s Greater Kuala Lumpur/Klang Valley’s National Key Economic Area (NKEA), under the Economic Transformation Programme. The Sungai Buloh – Kajang (SBK) Line runs for 51kms, from the north-west town of Sg Buloh to the south-east city town of Kajang. Upon completion, it will comprise 31 stations, and serve 1.2 million people along the route. It will also have strategic integration with KL’s existing rail transport network, namely the LRT, Monorail and KTM Komuter, as well as intra and inter-city bus routes. The end result will be better connectivity for KL and its surrounding cities, while reducing the number of cars that enter the capital.*

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