



## MEDIA RELEASE

# HEALTHY BUMIPUTERA PARTICIPATION IN MRT PROJECT

**KUALA LUMPUR, 4 September 2012:** Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT Corp) has denied accusations that it has sidelined members of the Malay Chamber of Commerce Malaysia (DPMM) in awarding of contracts to bumiputera contractors. Its CEO Dato' Azhar Abdul Hamid says the role of bumiputera contractors in the delivery of the Sg Buloh – Kajang (SBK) Line is very important.

“MRT Corp is surprised by the statement from DPMM President Syed Ali Alattas because this issue falls under the purview of the Prime Minister’s Department itself and it has been thoroughly followed through. This is a mandate of Y.A.B Prime Minister himself and we have delivered,” explains Dato’Azhar.

Dato’ Azhar says it was absolutely untrue that MRT Corp had sidelined bumiputera contractors as some packages were exclusive to bumiputera companies only and some bumiputera companies also won in the open category. Furthermore, all these packages were open for competitive bidding so the issue of sidelining cannot arise at all.

More than 17 packages worth RM7.6 billion were offered to bumiputera companies, up to the end of July 2012. These includes 10 packages for pre-construction (advance works), three for elevated guideway packages and one elevated station package. Also included are two depot packages, one multi-storey car park package and half of an underground work package.

“This totals 47 percent of the packages awarded so far, which is higher than the target of 43 percent. In addition, there will be a further 17 packages that will be allocated to bumiputera companies, valued at RM1.7b. This will raise the total value of bumiputera -awarded projects to RM9.3 billion,” says Dato’ Azhar.

MRT Corp will also award more than 200 packages to Class D, E, and F contractors, between now and the delivery date of the project, targeted for July 2017.

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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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