

MRT work packages for Bumiputeras firmly on track

Summary of Awarded Work Packages to Bumiputera Companies to date

Package Category	Contract Sum (RM million)
Part A: Advance Works	76.1
Part B: Guideway	1,548.2
Part C: Stations	1,227.6
Part D: Depots	569.5
Part E: Underground Works	4,054.4
Part F: Multistorey Car Parks	117.1
Part G: Systems	1,231.8
Grand Total	8,824.7

KUALA LUMPUR: Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) said Bumiputera initiative for the MRT Sungai Buloh — Kajang (SBK) line is firmly on track. To date, 45 per cent of the total value of work packages, which have been awarded to Bumiputera companies, exceeded the initial target of 43 per cent.

Speaking at a media briefing held here yesterday, Haris Fadzilah Hassan, director of Stakeholders and Land Relations of MRT Corp, said to date contracts to the value of RM8.8247 billion have been awarded to Bumiputera contractors.

All Bumiputera work packages are subjected to competitive bidding. All bidders are given the same project information and evaluated on the same basis.

To win the awards, the companies have to satisfy stringent evaluation criteria. This is to ensure companies with extensive experience and technical know-how were picked.

Haris said the MRT project had a very stringent one-stop procurement process.

"All tenders go through a thorough evaluation process. Tender evaluations go through several stages, starting with the Tender Evaluation Committee, followed by the Working Committee and the One-Stop Technical Committee (OSTC). The final approval is given by the One-Stop Procurement Committee (OSPC)," he said.

"In terms of the evaluation process, the Committees look at various factors, including technical capabi-

lities, track record and financial strength. Key to this is to find a fit that will ensure the project gets the best technical input from a capable contractor while maintaining costs," added Haris.

The OSPC is chaired by the secretary-general to the Treasury if the contract value is less than RM50 million, by the Minister of Finance II for contracts valued between RM50 million and RM300 million, and the Minister of Finance, who is also the Prime Minister, if the contract value is above RM300 million.

To date, 53 of the 85 MRT works packages have been awarded, with a total value of RM19.8 billion. The remaining 32 packages are expected to be awarded by the end of the year.