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MRT SUNGAI BULOH-KAJANG LINE UNDERGROUND WORKS AGREEMENT SIGNED

Kuala Lumpur, 8 February 2013: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) and MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd (MMC-Gamuda) signed the agreement for the Underground Works of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line today.

This agreement is for the design, construction and completion of the Underground Works located between the Semantan North Portal and Maluri South Portal of the Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line. The Underground Works include the construction of tunnels, stations and associated structures along this stretch, valued at RM8.28 billion.

This agreement is pursuant to the Letter of Acceptance issued by MRT Corp dated 30 March 2012.

Chief Executive Officer Dato' Azhar Abdul Hamid signed on behalf of MRT Corp while Datuk Haji Hasni Harun and Datuk Paul Ha, both Directors of MMC-Gamuda, signed on behalf of their company. Datuk Haji Hasni is the Group Managing Director of MMC Corporation Bhd while Datuk Paul is the Deputy Group Managing Director of Gamuda Bhd.

MMC-Gamuda KVMRT (T) is a 50:50 joint venture between MMC Corporation Bhd and Gamuda Bhd.

Speaking after the signing at MRT Corp Headquarters, Dato' Azhar said the 9.5km underground section is a very important part of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line as it will serve the most busy and congested parts of Kuala Lumpur.

"When the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line becomes operational, important parts of Kuala Lumpur such as Bukit Bintang and the Tun Razak Exchange will be served by Malaysia's most modern public transport system.

"The citizens of Kuala Lumpur and visitors will be able to enjoy a comfortable and stress-free ride when travelling to the heart of the city," he added.

Dato' Azhar added that he was confident with MMC-Gamuda's experience in handling underground works.

"The Joint Venture constructed the tunnel for the SMART Project which runs through the same karstic limestone geological formation that the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line tunnel will have to go through. I believe MMC-Gamuda will use the experience gained and apply the same to the MRT Project," he added.



Ten tunnel boring machines (TBMs) will be deployed to excavate the 9.5km underground section of the 51km MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line. The section will include seven Underground Stations, namely KL Sentral, Pasar Seni, Merdeka, Bukit Bintang, Pasar Rakyat, Cochrane and Maluri.

Phase One of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line from Sungai Buloh to Semantan will be operational by the end of 2016 while Phase Two from Semantan to Kajang will be operational by July 2017, allowing trains to run the entire alignment from Sungai Buloh to Kajang.

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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 Line runs for 51 kilometres, 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 the Klang Valley'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 Kuala Lumpur and its surrounding cities, while reducing the number of cars that enter the capital.

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