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DEMOLITION OF SHOPLOT AT JALAN SULTAN NOT RELATED TO MRT PROJECT

Kuala Lumpur, 21 October 2013: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to respond to reports claiming that demolition activities being carried out at Jalan Sultan, Kuala Lumpur, were related to the MRT Project.

MRT Corp would like to state unequivocally that the demolition of the building which bears the mural "I love Jalan Sultan" is not connected to the MRT Project.

MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Public Relations Encik Amir Mahmood Razak said the building, which bears the address No. 49, Jalan Sultan, Kuala Lumpur, and the car park area next to it was private property.

"All activities being carried out on the properties, such as the demolition of the building, erection of hoardings and closure of the car park, is being carried out by the property owner," Encik Amir said.

He added that while MRT Corp had signed a Mutual Agreement with the owners to allow the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line tunnel to be built beneath the property, the development taking place now was entirely by the owners.

Encik Amir pointed out that the hoardings enclosing that site were different from those used for the MRT Project, as all MRT Project hoardings had MRT Corp's logo and hotline number.

He reiterated that the MRT Project does not require the demolition of any privately-owned buildings along Jalan Sultan.

This is in accordance to the undertaking given by Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak in March this year that there would not be any demolition of old buildings nor acquisition of properties whose owners agreed to co-exist with the MRT Project.



“In fact, we have started works to strengthen the structures of the shophouses along Jalan Sultan which will lie above the MRT tunnel,” he said. These works, which began early this month, is expected to end by the middle of next year.

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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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