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MRT CORP SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH WORK PACKAGE CONTRACTORS FOR KVMRT OFFSET PROGRAMME

Offset Programme offers economic benefit for various beneficiaries, including those in the local rail industry

Kuala Lumpur, 12 November 2013: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) held a signing ceremony for the Klang Valley MRT Offset Programme today, in collaboration with Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT).

The ceremony witnessed the inking of agreements between MRT Corp with six Work Package Contractors (WPCs) for the MRT Project. They are namely Meidensha-Meiden Malaysia Sdn Bhd JV, Bombardier (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, Siemens Malaysia Sdn Bhd-Siemens AG-SMH Rail Sdn Bhd JV, MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd, Affiliated Computer Service Solutions France SAS and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd.

Under these agreements, apart from providing the necessary services or machinery for the MRT Project, the WPCs will provide an added benefit not just for the local rail industry, but also to the Malaysian economy as a whole. The programme is designed to address seven areas of interests which are design and development; human capital development; global market access; local works packages; investment; parts and component manufacturing; and transfer of technology.

MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer, Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid emphasised that the company has made purchases with different contractors for the MRT Project and invested heavily for the provision of expertise and machinery not available in the country.

"This includes the purchase of trains, costing us RM1.365 billion and also tunnel boring machines used for underground construction, each costing between RM30 million and RM45 million," he said.

"These purchases are a huge undertaking for MRT Corp and it is only logical that the contractors give back for the benefit of the Malaysian economy."

He added that what the contractors will provide in return is aimed at benefiting Malaysia's economy in moving up the technological and knowledge ladder. The beneficiaries of the



KVMRT Offset Programme are not only those directly linked with MRT Corp, but also other parties. They include Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD), from the railway engineering industry, other rail operators and students from local universities.

The KVMRT Offset Programme has generated 32 projects, to be provided by the six contractors who are signing today.

Some of the projects have already begun with thirty MRT Corp staff recruited for a structured training programme with Siemens in various disciplines of rail systems and technology for a period between 36 to 60 months in Malaysia, Austria and Germany.

Upon completion of training, they will be bonded with MRT Corp for a period of 5 years. Under this project, twelve trainees are currently undergoing training in Vienna, Austria; six are undergoing training in Erlangen, Germany and the remaining trainees will start training in early 2014.

Besides Siemens, Affiliated Computer Services Solutions France SAS will send trainees to France for exposure on automated fare collection. Meanwhile, Meidensha and Mitsubishi will recruit trainees to Japan for training in railway power technology and track work respectively. Another group of trainees will be sent to Thailand by Bombardier for training in signalling and train control.

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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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