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"The work packages were awarded by way of balloting to Bumiputera companies from a pool of 471 contractors which had been shortlisted and screened earlier by MRT Corp," the company said in a statement yesterday.

This is the second balloting for Bumiputera contractors. The first balloting was carried out in January this year.

MRT Corp said among the work package contractors (WPCs) awarded today are for drainage, road, civil, steel,

structural and architectural works as well as landscaping and general works.

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MRT Corp CEO Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid said the balloting event underscored MRT Corp's commitment to the Bumiputera Agenda. He said MRT Corp's Bumiputera Agenda did not only involve awarding contracts to Bumiputera contractors.

"Companies which are successful will go through a compulsory two-day training programme which covers areas such as in project and finance

management," he said.

The first balloting in January saw 44 work packages, worth RM19.5 million, awarded to Class G1, G2 and G3 Bumiputera contractors.

MRT Corp's Bumiputera Agenda is part of the government's target of having 43% Bumiputera contractors in the project. Out of the 43%, 42% will be awarded the main work packages and another 1.3% will be awarded to Class D, E and F Bumiputera sub-contractors.

On another development, MRT Corp signed the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit (KVMRT) offset agreements with six WPCs — Meidensha-Meiden Malaysia Sdn Bhd JV, Bombardier (M) 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 last month.

The offset programme, defined by some as an economic compensation package, is a unique endeavour designed to boost local industrial and technological development and at the same time provide jobs to local companies with the right skills and expertise.

Azhar said the offset programme under the KVMRT project is expected to contribute RM3.53 billion which will benefit more than 50 local companies.



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