



## MEDIA RELEASE

### MRT CORP AWARDS 50 WORKS PACKAGES TO BUMIPUTERA CONTRACTORS

**Kuala Lumpur, 4 December 2013:** Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) today awarded 50 work packages for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line with a total value of about RM20 million.

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.

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

The companies awarded with the work packages are from grades G1 to G4. Contractors under Grade G1 are eligible for work packages up to the value of RM200,000, while those in Grade G2 are eligible for work packages between RM200,001 and RM500,000. Grade G3 contractors are eligible for work packages between RM500,001 and RM1,000,000 while those in Grade G4 are eligible for work packages between RM1,000,001 and RM3,000,000.

The grades are determined by the Construction Industry Development Board of Malaysia (CIDB).

Among the work packages awarded today are for drainage, road, civil, steel, structural and architectural works as well as landscaping and general works. The successful contractors will start work at the end of this year. The works are expected to be completed by the end of 2014.

In his welcome address before the balloting, MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid said today's balloting event underscored MRT Corp's commitment to the Bumiputera Agenda.

"The responsibility to carry out the Bumiputera Agenda given to us by the Government is a very heavy one. MRT Corp takes on this responsibility seriously in helping develop Bumiputera companies," he said.

Datuk Azhar 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.



He added that the programme had paid off because an assessment on the first batch of contractors which were awarded contracts during a balloting session in January this year showed that the performance of most of the companies was good.

"I am very happy to see that the contractors from the previous batch have performed well. I hope we will see the same level of performance for this batch of contractors," he said.

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