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RM8 BILLION SPENT ON MRT SUNGAI BULOH-KAJANG LINE

MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line 47.6% completed

Kuala Lumpur, 23 July 2014: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) has to date paid out a total of RM8.026 billion for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line as construction for the project approaches its midway point.

Announcing this during a media conference at MRT Corp Headquarters here today, MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid said 83% of that sum was paid out to Work Package Contractors for the construction of the line.

"A large part amounting to RM6.655 billion was to our Work Package Contractors for construction work done," he said.

The remainder was for fees and reimbursables to the Project Delivery Partner, MMC Gamuda KVMRT (PDP) Sdn Bhd, fees to the Independent Consulting Engineer, MRT Corp overheads and insurance, he added.

With construction of the project almost at 50%, MRT Corp has incurred variation orders amounting to less than RM200 million, or about 0.87% of the value of awarded contracts.

Azhar said to date, 77 out of a total of 85 contracts have been awarded, with a total value of RM21.087 billion. One tender is currently being called while tenders for the remaining seven work packages have yet to be called.

"We expect to complete our procurement process by awarding the remaining seven work packages by the end of the year," he said.

On the progress of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line, Datuk Azhar said he was happy to see that construction was now at 47.63%. The status for the underground section was 63.34% while the elevated section was 37.24%.

"I am particularly happy that for our underground works, tunnel excavation through the most difficult part of Kuala Lumpur, namely through the karstic Kuala Lumpur Limestone Formation, is over. In Bukit Bintang, both the upper and lower drives are now tunneling in



the more stable Kenny Hill Formation,” he said, adding that the underground works contractor had managed to minimise the incidence of sinkholes.

Currently, there are five tunnel boring machines in operation along the 9.5km underground alignment.

For the elevated section, 95% of piling works for the elevated guideway has been completed while 35% of the guideway had been constructed.

Azhar added that the car bodies of the first MRT train set had been delivered to Malaysia.

“Our first train set is now being assembled in our contractor’s assembly plant in Rasa, Hulu Selangor,” he said.

These are expected to be delivered to the Sungai Buloh Depot by November, where they will undergo testing at the facility.

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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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