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STATEMENT ON INCIDENT AT RUBBER RESEARCH INSTITUTE SITE

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Kuala Lumpur, 19 August 2014: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to provide an update on the incident which occurred at the MRT worksite within the former Rubber Research Institute (RRI) near Kota Damansara.

MRT Corp confirms that at 8.30pm yesterday, a span of the MRT guideway had dislodged from its piers and fallen on the ground below. The incident occurred while work to construct the parapet for the guideway was being carried out.

The span, which was made up of 14 units of segmented box girders, was 38m in length and weighed 300 tons.

MRT Corp confirms that three workers are unaccounted for and are believed to be trapped underneath. They are Bangladesh nationals Mohamad Faruk Khan, Mohammad Elahi Hossain and Mohammad Alauddin Mollik.

Rescue efforts are currently on-going and an emergency response team is on standby at the site.

No members of the public were involved in the incident as there is no access to the site. The location of the incident site is within the former RRI land near the future Kwasa Damansara MRT Station.

Investigations have commenced to determine the cause of the incident.

All work along Package V1 where the incident occurred has been suspended until further notice. The work package contractor for Package V1 is Syarikat Muhibbah Perniagaan dan Pembinaan Sdn Bhd.

MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid, who is at the site, expresses deep regret over the incident.

"Although investigations are underway, MRT Corp assumes full responsibility for the incident. Once investigations are completed, action on those responsible will be taken," he said.

An update will be issued with further details as soon as they are available.