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TRAINING CONTINUES FOR KVMRT OFFSET PROGRAMME

Kuala Lumpur, 29 September 2014: Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MiGHT) and Bombardier Malaysia (Bombardier) commenced a capacity building training programme today, in the area of ergonomics. The training program is part of the Klang Valley MRT Offset Programme (KVMRT Offset Programme) managed by MiGHT.

The three-day training is organised together with the National Design Centre of Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM). It was attended by around 100 key personnel from the rail industry as well as students from various backgrounds.

Bombardier is the work package contractor (WPC) for Signaling and Train Control System for the MRT Project and will bring in industry and academic experts from Malaysia and Singapore as trainers for this programme.

The training on ergonomics will include ergonomics and ergonomics on control room design, aimed at enabling participants to be able to identify and resolve issues in this area. The beneficiaries of this programme are not only those who are involved directly in the MRT Project, but also other key stakeholders who are in local industries, Government agencies and local universities.

The KVMRT Offset Programme is part of Malaysia's continuous commitment to develop the country's rail industry by addressing the critical need of more local railway engineers. Under the programme, WPCs are to provide an added benefit apart from providing the necessary services or machinery for the MRT Project. The program is aimed at addressing seven areas of interests namely design and development; human capital development; global market access; local work packages; investment; parts and component manufacturing; and transfer of technology.

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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.

About the KVMRT Offset Programme

Apart from providing the necessary services or machinery for the MRT Project, work package contractors provide an added benefit under the Klang Valley Offset Programme. The programme, also defined as an economic compensation package, 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.

The beneficiaries 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.

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