

# MRT awards four contracts worth RM4.2b

MASS Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) has awarded four work package contracts with a combined value of RM4.2 billion for the construction of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line or MRT2.

The local recipients include Apex Communications, Malaysian Resources Corp Bhd (MRCB) and IJM Corp Bhd.

The contracts, two viaduct work packages and two systems work packages, were awarded following a one-stop procurement committee meeting chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak.

MRT Corp CEO Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar said in a statement yesterday that with the latest work packages awarded, he expected the development of the SSP Line would be able to move full steam ahead.

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have now moved to the stage where we are awarding systems work packages. This is very good progress for the SSP Line," he said.

The largest work package, worth RM1.62 billion, was awarded to HAP Consortium. It includes engineering, pro-

curement, construction, testing and commissioning of electric trains and depot equipment.

Apart from Apex Communications, the consortium comprises Hyundai Rotem Co and Posco Engineering Co Ltd, both from Korea.

The second systems work package — Package SY201 worth RM458.02 million — is for the engineering, procurement, construction, testing and commissioning of the signalling and train control system for the SSP Line. It was awarded to a consortium comprising Bombardier (M) Sdn Bhd and Global Rail Sdn Bhd.

The contract for the third work package — the elevated work package worth RM1.47 billion — was awarded to IJM Construction Sdn Bhd. The package includes the construction and completion of the 4.6km viaduct guideway and other associated works from Jinjang to Jalan

Ipoh North Portal.

MRCB was the successful tenderer for Work Package V210, for the construction and completion of the 2.6km viaduct guideway and other associated works from Persiaran APEC in Cyberjaya to Putrajaya Sentral. The contract price was RM648 million.

Shahril said the successful parties were chosen based on "Best Evaluated Tender", which includes technical and commercial aspects. As such, the successful tender might not be the one with the lowest price.

"I am pleased to share that the successful tenderers for the Electric Trains, Viaduct V203 and Viaduct V210 had also submitted the lowest prices for their respective tenders," he said.

He added that the successful tenderers have good track records and are all renowned companies within their industries. — by AZREEN HANI