

George Kent wins RM1.01b work package for MRT2

It secures the contract with Chinese partner CCCC

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PETALING JAYA: George Kent (M) Bhd just got another leg-up in the rail transportation sector, with a RM1.01bil work package awarded to its joint venture with China Communications Construction Co Ltd (CCCC).

The joint venture has been awarded the work package for trackworks, maintenance vehicles and work trains for the entire 52.2-km Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) mass rapid transit (MRT) alignment, also known as MRT2.

CCCC holds 51% equity in the joint venture while George Kent holds the remaining 49%.

The Malaysian engineering firm's first notable foray into rail engi-

neering works began in 2012 when it secured the RM1.1bil Ampang LRT systems contract.

This was followed by the appointment of its joint venture with Malaysian Resources Corp Bhd as project delivery partner for the 36-km LRT 3 from Bandar Utama to Joha Setia in Klang in September last year.

The latest contract win will be a huge boost for the firm as it is set to gain recurring income from the project, as the contract includes maintenance works for the track, once completed.

Mass Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) announced yesterday that the Package SSP-SY-204, for the engineering, procurement, construction, testing and commissioning of trackworks, maintenance

vehicles and works trains was awarded after a meeting by the One-Stop Procurement Committee.

MRT Corp chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar said the work package was among the biggest for the construction of the SSP Line.

He said CCC had good technical know-how, having handled many infrastructure projects, while George Kent had a strong presence in the Malaysian railway industry.

On the tender evaluation process, Shahril said the joint venture, which was one of seven tenderers, had fared well in the technical portion of the evaluation.

Among the criteria for technical evaluation, he said, were compliance with specifications required by MRT Corp, proposed solutions,

performance level, track record, works programmes and compliance with key dates, project execution plan, maintenance plan, quality as well as site safety, health and environment assurance.

"The successful tenderer is selected on the basis of the best evaluated tender, which means the successful tenderer may not have quoted the lowest price. However, for this work package, I am pleased to announce that the successful tenderer had quoted the lowest price," he said.

He added that under the SSP Line, all Systems Work Package contractors would have to ensure that 35% of the works would be awarded to bumiputra companies, an increase from the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line where it was 30%.