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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN EXERCISE AT KWASA SENTRAL STATION

Kuala Lumpur, 26 October 2016: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) together with Rapid Rail Sdn Bhd, the operator of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line, today held an Emergency Response Plan Exercise to test its readiness in handling big scale emergency situation.

The Emergency Response drill was carried out as part of the preparations for operation readiness of the SBK Line. The Emergency Response Plan is a mandatory requirement by the Suruhanjaya Pengangkutan Awam Darat (SPAD) for an operating license to be issued for a railway.

Besides Rapid Rail and MRT Corp, the various Emergency Response Agencies, such as the Fire and Rescue, Police, Ministry of Health and others, were also involved in the exercise which was held at the Kwasa Sentral MRT Station.

The emergency simulation depicted a “derailment” of the MRT train after it hit an object on the track just 200 meters after departed from Kwasa Sentral station. The derailment has triggered multiple alarms from the train and track equipment to the Operations Control Centre. Staff nearest to the incident area were deployed to verify the alarms and execute the emergency response. Around 280 passengers onboard were trapped and some were injured, and one of the passengers triggered the Operations Control Centre by activating the Passenger Emergency Call (PEC) button inside the train.

Both tracks traction power were de-energized for the rescue process to take place. The staff who firstly arrived at site performed firefighting action to distinguish the fire before calling more support staff to site.

Support staff inspected the situation inside the incident train and identified 19 casualties with various level of injuries. Before the arrival of the Fire Rescue team, “Supervised evacuation” has been implemented just 10 minutes after the train



stranded. Passengers who can walk were safely guided to move towards Kwasa Sentral station via the emergency walkway. The casualties with severe injuries were calmed down while waiting for rescue by the Emergency Response Agencies (ERA).

The Fire Rescue team was briefed on the incident and safety precaution by the MRT SBK Line's Silver Incident Officer (SIO) before proceeding to the incident train. At the same time, police team has set up their Emergency Action Control Post (PKTK) at the street level and cordoned off the area to prevent bystanders from interfering with the exercise. The MOH medical team was also aggressively setting up their medical "triage" at the station concourse and street level.

With the simulation, both Emergency Response Agencies and Rapid Rail were able to validate their respective Emergency Response Plan and Procedures that they have drawn up in the event of a disaster and improve on the shortcomings faced during the drill.

Rapid Rail Head of Operations MRT SBK Line Tuan Haji Azmi bin Mohd Zain said the exercise today went according to plan, with all the parties involved performing their roles very well.

"The various agencies have meticulously planned the exercise after several meeting and familiarization visits to the stations, tracks and depot during the planning stage. This resulted in the exercise today running very smoothly. There will be a post-mortem session to be held very soon to identify the area that can be improved further" he said.

Phase One of the SBK Line between the Sungai Buloh Station and the Semantan Station is scheduled to be operational by December this year while the remainder of the line from the Semantan Station to the Kajang Station will be operational under Phase Two in July 2017ss.

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