

MRT Corp dishes out 3 more SSP Line jobs

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RM1.38b more MRT Corp deals

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MASS Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) has dished out three more contracts worth RM1.38 billion for the construction of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line.

This brings the total value of contracts MRT Corp has awarded SSP Line 2 to about RM22 billion.

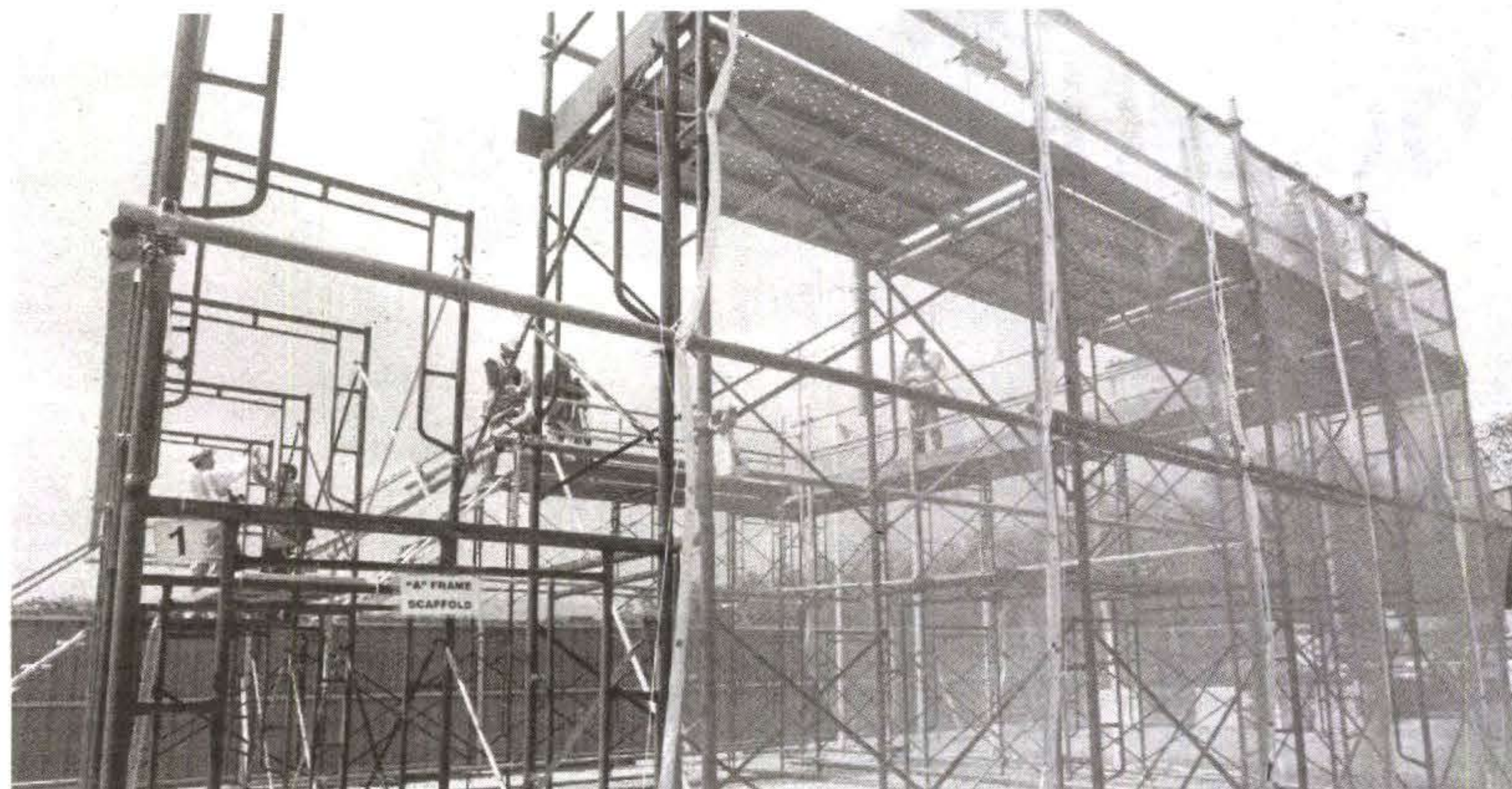
The estimated construction cost for Line 2 is RM32 billion while MRT Sungai Buloh — Kajang (SBK) Line 1 is RM23 billion.

Of the 72 packages for Line 2, MRT Corp had awarded 16 as at last month. This included a contract for the underground work package worth RM15.47 billion to awarded to MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn Bhd.

The latest awards are for two system work packages and one advance work package for the SSP Line.

They were made following a One-Stop Procurement Committee Meeting chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

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RM693.03 million contract for system work package.

This is for the engineering, procurement, construction, testing and commissioning of power supply and distribution system for Line 2.

The second system work package is for the engineering, procurement, construction, testing and commis-

sioning of communications, government integrated radio network, commercial telecom (Infra) and information technology system.

The contract worth RM632 million was awarded to Bumiputera-led consortium Sapura-EVD Consortium.

SN Akmidia Holdings Sdn Bhd

won a RM59.5 million contract for advance work package for the construction and completion of Sungai Besi police quarters and other associated works.

MRT Corp chief executive officer Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar said there was a change in the requirement for Line 2 that required foreign

companies to work together with local firms instead of just sourcing materials.

“We want local companies to actively participate in the MRT project, further encouraging knowledge transfer into our economy,” he said.

For MRT Line 1, foreign companies tendering for the project would need to source at least 30 per cent of their parts from local companies.

However, the local content was not required to be based on a joint venture with the foreign work package contractor.

Najib is expected to officiate at the groundbreaking ceremony of Line 2 at the end of next month.

Line 2 will serve almost two million people travelling between Sungai Buloh and Putrajaya. It will cover areas like Damansara Damai, Jalan Ipoh, Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur City Centre, Tun Razak Exchange, Kuchai Lama, Seri Kembangan and Cyberjaya.

Phase 1 of Line 2 with 12 stations, from Kwasa Damansara to Kampung Batu, is targeted to be completed by July 2021.

Phase 2 with 11 underground stations and 26 elevated stations is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2022.