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MRT CORP LODGES POLICE REPORT ON MISLEADING POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA ON GUIDEWAY “CRACK”

Kuala Lumpur, 25 July 2015: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) has lodged a police report over social media posts on the supposed “crack” appearing on the MRT guideway over the Damansara-Puchong Highway (LDP).

The police report was lodged at the Jalan Travers Police Station at about 12.30pm today by MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communication and Public Relations Encik Mahmood Abdul Razak.

Mahmood said MRT Corp had decided to take this step because it took seriously the allegations regarding the “crack” which had gone viral on social media

“There were posts which talked about the supposed ‘crack’. But what was of greater concern were posts from people claiming to be experienced engineers who said the guideway was going to collapse at any time and urged people to stay away from the LDP,” he said.

He added that some of these experienced engineers created the impression that they were part of the MRT Project.

“This is causing a lot of panic among road users,” he said.

Mahmood said MRT Corp understood the public’s concern over the issue and had immediately investigated the claims when they became viral on 23 July 2015.

“We immediately issued a media release explaining that the ‘crack’ was an optical illusion and was actually a seam line of the netting which was covering the guideway. The media release was issued on the evening of 23 July 2015 immediately after the picture of the supposed “crack” became viral,” he said.

Mahmood said the structure of the guideway over the LDP was sound and there was absolutely no risk of it collapsing.

“The netting covering certain sections of the guideway was put there because stressing work is being carried out for the guideway. This work may result in some



small pieces of material falling. The netting is to prevent such material from landing on vehicles and road users below.

“These works are normal works for the construction of the MRT guideway,” he said.

Mahmood again urged members of the public not to be unduly worried when driving beneath the guideway as there was no truth in the claims that a “crack” had appeared on the MRT guideway.

Mahmood said MRT Corp will also be lodging a report with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).

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