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STRONG LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN TURN-KEY TENDER FOR MRT CIRCLE LINE

Three out of four tender submissions from Malaysian companies

Kuala Lumpur, 19 January 2018: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to announce that four consortiums have submitted turn-key tenders with financing for the MRT Circle Line as the tender submission closed yesterday.

Three out of the four submissions are consortiums comprising Malaysian companies.

MRT Corp is pleased with the good response to the call for turn-key tender for the Circle Line, where the majority of the tenderers are local consortiums that have been able to fulfil the requirements in participating in this tender, said MRT Corp Circle Line Project Director Dato' Ir Zohari Sulaiman.

"The resulting participation in tender which commenced on 15 November 2017 has proven critics wrong, especially those who said that the turn-key tender model would close the opportunity for local companies to participate" added Zohari.

The four tenderers are as below:

- i) Sapura - TIEC Consortium
- ii) MMC-Gamuda – George Kent Joint Venture
- iii) Pacific – Mudajaya – JEC Consortium
- iv) China Communications Construction Company Limited – China Communications Construction Company (M) Sdn Bhd JV

An evaluation will be made by MRT Corp based on Best Evaluated Tender from the three main evaluation criteria: technical, financial standing and the financing package. A recommendation will then be submitted to the Ministry of Finance for decision and approval.

The contract is tentatively set to be awarded within the first quarter of 2018.

"Adopting the turn-key tender allows MRT Corp to seek the best option for funding the project, as we will try and get the lowest cost in financing," said Zohari.

However, in the event that the financing package options are not favourable, we will revert to the old financing structure that is through DanaInfra, added Zohari.



MRT Corp has taken the step to tender the project out on a turn-key basis, as opposed to a direct appointment of contractor or a consortium as this would encourage a more competitive financing option for the new project structure.

In further ensuring strong local participation in the project, MRT Corp enforces requirement for Malaysian and Bumiputera participation in the project as one of the conditions of the turnkey contract. Stringent mechanism will be set in ensuring compliance by the successful tenderer.

"MRT Corp will ensure that our Bumiputera Agenda is carried on with the Circle Line, as how we have been championing for the first and second MRT line, the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line and the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line" said Zohari.

The closing date for the submission was originally set for 29 December 2017, however it was extended until 18 January 2018 as MRT Corp have received requests for extension by participating tenderers due to longer time required for them to finalise their best financing proposal.

With the closing of tender, MRT Corp will now be working on the preparations for other activities including the Detailed Forecast Ridership Study, Detailed Environmental Impact Assessment, Social Impact Assessment and Heritage Impact Assessment.

The MRT Circle Line is expected to be 40km in length, of which approximately 32km will be underground with 26 stations planned along the alignment. The line, which will run around the periphery of Kuala Lumpur city centre, will intersect with all of the Klang Valley's urban rail network, expanding its coverage significantly and providing greater mobility to commuters.

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