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FINAL TRAIN FOR THE MRT SUNGAI BULOH-KAJANG LINE DELIVERED

Completion of electric train contract underscores success in the KVMRT Project Industrial Collaboration Programme

Kuala Lumpur, 28 February 2017: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) has taken delivery of the final of 58 MRT electric trains for the operations of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang (SBK) Line.

The delivery marks the achievement of one of the last major milestones for the Project before the completion of the entire SBK Line, scheduled in July 2017.

The delivery, which took place on the evening of 21 February 2017 and lasted till late morning the following day with their unloading of the train at the Sungai Buloh MRT Depot.

The four-car train set was shipped out from SMH Rail Sdn Bhd's metro train assembly plant in Rasa, Hulu Selangor. The locally owned Malaysian plant is the first plant outside Europe and the only one in South East Asia to have been certified by Siemens to handle the complete assembly of metro trains.

All 58 electric trains for the SBK Line were supplied by a consortium comprising Siemens AG of Germany, Siemens Malaysia Sdn Bhd and SMH Rail Sdn Bhd. The contract value was RM1.37 billion.

MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Dato' Sri Shahril Mokhtar said it was a huge achievement of Malaysia that the supply of the entire rolling stock had been successfully completed.

"Besides being one of the most iconic components of the SBK Line, the electric trains are very dear to my heart because it marks a huge success in efforts to provide local content and participation under the KVMRT Project Industrial Collaboration Programme (ICP).



“My heartiest congratulations to Siemens AG, Siemens Malaysia and SMH Rail for this outstanding success in delivering our electric trains within schedule,” he said.

Under the Government’s Industrial Collaboration Programme (ICP), foreign contractors of the KVMRT Project were required to provide knowledge and technology transfer to Malaysia.

The ICP for the electric train contract involved Malaysian company SMH Rail setting up its RM80 million train assembly plant in Rasa which provided at least 300 jobs to Malaysians, many who were from the area.

The programme also allowed SMH Rail to acquire the knowledge to assemble trains to an international standard, and access to the international train assembly and railway maintenance industry.

On the evening of the train delivery, a simple ceremony attended by MRT Corp Project Director SBK Line Mr Marcus Karakashian, Project Director MRT Line-1 for Siemens Mr. Thomas Bundesman, Group Project Director of SMH Rail En. Zahrin Mohd Zaman and Project Director MRT Line-1 for SMH Rail Mr Neville Krogh was held at the assembly plant.

After loading was completed, the convoy of trailers carrying the four cars in the correct formation travelled along the Rasa-Bukit Beruntung road before entering the North South Expressway at the Bukit Beruntung Toll Plaza.

The convoy then proceeded along the North South Expressway and the Guthrie Expressway to the Bukit Subang Interchange where they accessed the Sungai Buloh-Subang road to reach the Sungai Buloh Depot. The journey time took about three hours.

At the Sungai Buloh Depot, the trailers were parked at the designated unloading area until morning when the unloading operations took place. Once unloaded, the four separate cars were recoupled together and brought into the rolling stock building in the depot.

Here, the trains will undergo further checks and tests before being commissions for service.

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