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MRT CORP WELCOMES AUTHORITIES TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS

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Kuala Lumpur, 1 March 2017: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) views the allegations made by the non-governmental organisation Pertubuhan Ikatan Usahawan Kecil dan Sederhana Malaysia (IKHLAS) with regards to the Ampang Park Shopping Centre issue with utmost concern.

MRT Corp wishes to state unequivocally that the allegations made by IKHLAS are completely wrong and without any factual basis.

MRT Corp Director of Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relations Dato' Najmuddin Abdullah said the NGO should be more responsible with its statements.

"IKHLAS should have taken the effort to carry out basic fact checking before issuing statements based purely on speculation and hear-say," he said.

Najmuddin pointed out that the issue with regards to the legality of the acquisition process of the Ampang Park Shopping Centre had been decided by both the High Court of Malaya on 30 June 2016, and by the Court of Appeal on 18 January 2017. In both instance, the courts have decided in the Government's favour.

The latest decision is currently being appealed to the Federal Court. MRT Corp awaits the outcome of the appeal and shall abide by the decision of the court.

"As to calls for the police and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission to investigate the matter, MRT Corp welcomes any authority to investigate the allegations made with regards to the acquisition of the Ampang Park Shopping Centre," Najmuddin said.

He added that MRT Corp was ready to extend its fullest cooperation to the authorities to facilitate the investigations.

To recap, the land on which the Ampang Park Shopping Centre is located is required for the future Ampang Park MRT Station to integrate seamlessly with the existing Ampang Park LRT Station. The Ampang Park MRT Station is an underground station and is one of



the 35 stations of the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line, a project which is being developed by the Government of Malaysia.

This seamless integration of the Ampang Park MRT and LRT Stations is crucial to enable passengers to transfer from the SSP Line and the existing Kelana Jaya LRT Line with ease. Without this integration, the two lines will not be to be linked at all.

During negotiations to resolve the issue, MRT Corp in November 2015 had proposed to the owners of the 253 strata lots of Ampang Park Shopping Centre to reach a mutual agreement for coexistence with the MRT Project.

For this to be achieved, 100% of the owners have to agree to the arrangement as this pertains to the common property of a strata titled property under the Strata Titles Act 1985 and the Strata Management Act 2013.

The mutual agreement for coexistence will enable the MRT tunnel and an underground linkway between the Ampang Park MRT and LRT Stations to be built without the land being acquired under the Land Acquisition Act 1960. This option will also enable the Ampang Park Shopping Centre building to be spared from demolition.

During the negotiations, a deadline of 31 January 2016 was agreed upon by which 100% of the owners had to agree to the mutual agreement for coexistence.

This deadline passed without the strata owners reverting to MRT Corp. A total of 39 owners who own a total of 62 strata units subsequently initiated a judicial review against the land acquisition.

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