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MASS Rapid Transit Corp Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) has awarded RM1.01 billion worth of work package for trackworks, maintenance vehicles and work trains for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya (SSP) Line to a joint-venture (JV) company CCCC-George Kent Sdn Bhd.

The package, SSP-SY-204, for the engineering, procurement, construction, testing and commissioning of trackworks, maintenance vehicles and works trains was awarded after a meeting of the One-Stop Procurement Committee chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak.

The JV is between China Communications Construction Co Ltd (CCCC) and George Kent (M) Sdn Bhd.

CCCC holds a 51% stake in

the JV while George Kent holds the remaining 49%.

MRT CEO Datuk Seri Shahril Mokhtar said in a statement yesterday that this work package is one of the major contracts for the construction of the SSP Line.

"CCCC comes with very good technical know-how, having handled many infrastructure projects including railway construction.

"Its JV with Malaysian company George Kent, which now has a strong presence in the railway industry in Malaysia, allows the MRT project to benefit from the experience of these two very strong companies," said Shahril.

Commenting on the tender evaluation process, Shahril

said the JV, which was one of seven tenderers, fared very well in the technical portion of the evaluation.

Among the criteria for technical evaluation are compliance with specifications required by MRT Corp; proposed solutions;

performance level; track record; works programmes and compliance with key dates; project execution plan; maintenance plan; quality and site safety; as well as health and environment assurance.

"The successful tenderer is selected on the basis of the best evaluated tender, which means the successful tenderer may not have quoted the lowest price.

"However, for this work package, I am pleased to announce that the successful

tenderer had quoted the lowest price," added Shahril.

Under the SSP Line, all systems work package contractors will have to ensure that 35% of the works to be done will be awarded to Bumiputera companies.

"This is an increase from the systems contracts for the MRT Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line, where it was 30%," he said.

With this award, MRT Corp has awarded a total of 22 work packages for the construction of the SSP Line.

They comprise eight advance work packages, four viaduct packages, one underground works package, six systems work packages, two designated supplier work packages and one depot work package.