

George Kent, Siemens sign pre-consortium pact

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KUALA LUMPUR: George Kent (Malaysia) Bhd has teamed up with German engineering giant Siemens group to bid for the estimated RM55 billion Kuala Lumpur-Singapore high-speed rail (HSR) tender.

George Kent yesterday announced it had signed a preconsortium agreement with Siemens Aktiengesellschaft, Germany, and Siemens Pte Ltd of Singapore to form an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) pre-consortium to prepare a joint offer on EPC level to the specialpurpose company.

The latter company would bid for the development, financing, construction and technical operation and maintenance of the HSR, said George Kent.

The agreement might lead to George Kent's participation in the HSR project, it added.

"The HSR project is one of the most prestigious and coveted projects in the rail industry as it is the first cross-border high speed rail project in Southeast Asia," said George Kent chairman Tan Sri Tan Kay Hock.

"George Kent is pleased to be partnering with Siemens which has one of the most impressive track records in delivering successfully the safest and most reliable HSR systems in the world.

"We hope to be able to contribute our part as the local Malaysian company in delivering the HSR project," Tan added.