

George Kent part of multinational consortium in HSR bid

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The Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High-Speed Rail project, announced in 2010, will connect Kuala Lumpur and Johor Baru with Singapore, and has been slated for completion in 2026. – The Malaysian Insight file pic, February 12, 2018.

GEORGE Kent (Malaysia) Bhd has joined forces with Germany's Siemens AG, France's Alstom, Italy's Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane and Austria's Porr AG to form a consortium to bid for the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High-Speed Rail (HSR) project.

In a joint statement today, the consortium said it would prepare a joint offer, encompassing engineering, procurement and construction, as well as operations and maintenance, for the purpose of the tender.

George Kent chairman Tan Kay Hock said the company had assembled a strong team and would work together with experienced partners to deliver and maintain the safest and most reliable HSR system in the world.

“We aim to facilitate technology transfer, and maximise local content, resources and human capital, in line with Malaysia’s aspiration of developing a resilient and vibrant rail industry.”

Head of Siemens Mobility Asia-Pacific, Michel Obadia, said the company was committed to technology transfer with both Malaysia and Singapore, and looked forward to continuing its partnership with both nations in the iconic project.

“With the help of our global network of recognised experts, we will be able to provide the most innovative technical solutions for a comfortable and safe journey.”

Alstom's Asia-Pacific senior vice-president, Jean-Francois Beaudoin, said with the company’s expertise in complex high-speed projects, it was keenly looking at the tender and seeking the best partnerships, locally and internationally, in offering the finest solutions to Singapore and Malaysia.

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