

George Kent partners with European companies to bid for KL-Singapore HSR (AssetsCO)

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George Kent chairman Tan Sri Tan Kay Hock says the company has assembled a strong team with experienced partners to deliver and maintain the safest and most reliable high speed rail systems in the world. NST picture by AZHAR RAMLI.

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KUALA LUMPUR: George Kent (Malaysia) Bhd has signed up with four European partners to jointly bid for the role of Assets Company (AssetsCo) Kuala Lumpur –Singapore High Speed Rail (HSR) KL-Singapore HSR project.

In an exchange filing today, George Kent and PORR, Austrian construction and infrastructure company, together with Siemens, Alstom and Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane had mutually agreed to form a consortium to bid for the AssetsCo role in the KL-Singapore HSR project.

According to the statement, the companies will work to prepare a joint offer encompassing engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) and operations and maintenance (O&M).

George Kent chairman Tan Sri Tan Kay Hock said it had assembled a strong team with experienced partners to deliver and maintain the safest and most reliable high speed rail systems in the world.

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

It noted that the partnership would result in a team combining European technology and project experience with the local expertise.

“The consortium brings together the two manufacturers, Siemens and Alstom, with decades of technology leadership and excellence in delivering complex cross-border high speed railway projects.

Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane also brings expertise in railway operation and a vast global footprint. PORR, a highly experienced track work provider offering a state-of-the-art slab track technology proven in operation on high speed railways.

Alstom Asia-Pacific senior vice president Jean-Francois Beaudoin said the company has been keenly looking at this tender and seeking the best partnerships - locally and internationally to offer the finest solution to Singapore and Malaysia.

“I believe we have a powerful and competent team to address this tender - with the best of European Rail Companies and George Kent as our local partner,” he said.

Head of Siemens Mobility Asia Pacific, Michel Obadia said the KL-Singapore HSR is a ground-breaking project that will significantly prosper the economic and social ties of millions of Malaysians and Singaporeans.

“Siemens is a trusted partner for both countries having contributed to their vital infrastructure development for many years. We have also been committed to technology transfer to both countries, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with this iconic project,” she said.

Executive vice president of international markets of FS Group (Italian State Railways), Filippo Scotti said the strategic project would bring a leap forward in the economic and social development of Malaysia and Singapore.

“We are honoured to contribute to it through our consortium, which includes the best players in the industry, and proud, to bring large technological and innovation experience and expertise in the rail and mobility industry.”

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