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Social Impact Assessment Contract Awarded for Kuala Lumpur - Singapore High Speed Rail Project

Kuala Lumpur, 5 January 2018: MyHSR Corporation Sdn Bhd (MyHSR Corp) has recently awarded the Social Impact Assessment (SIA) contract for the Kuala Lumpur - Singapore High Speed Rail (KL-SG HSR) project to ERE Consulting Group Sdn Bhd, following an open tender exercise which was launched in November 2017.

The appointed firm will be responsible to complete an assessment on the possible social impact arising from the implementation of the KL-SG HSR project within Malaysia. The study will also include a heritage impact assessment to ensure that the project complies with the relevant policies and plans.

ERE Consulting Group Sdn Bhd has experience in conducting social impact assessments for equivalent projects such as the Sungai Buloh – Kajang MRT Line, the Sungai Buloh – Serdang – Putrajaya MRT Line, and the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Dato' Mohd Nur Ismal Mohamed Kamal, CEO of MyHSR Corp said, "The appointed consultant will be responsible to assess the possible social impact arising from the three phases of the KL-SG HSR project, which encompasses the pre-construction, construction and operational phase. They will analyse all the feedback received from the Public Inspection exercise and will be conducting additional surveys and focus group discussions along the alignment."

"From the assessment, effective mitigation measures will be formulated in order to further minimise any identified social impacts to the affected communities. MyHSR Corp will continue to work closely with PLANMalaysia for the preparation of the SIA study and is committed to adopt the highest standards for the development of the project in a safe and sustainable manner," he added.

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About the Kuala Lumpur–Singapore HSR

The Kuala Lumpur–Singapore HSR is a strategic project between the Governments of Malaysia and Singapore that aims to facilitate seamless travel between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, enhance business linkages and bring the peoples of both countries closer together. The Governments of both countries signed a Bilateral Agreement on 13 December 2016, which captured the key points of agreement on the project, including the technical parameters, commercial model, customs, immigration and quarantine clearance, safety and security matters, regulatory structure and project management approach.

Eight stations are currently planned for the Kuala Lumpur–Singapore HSR: Bandar Malaysia, Sepang-Putrajaya, Seremban, Melaka, Muar, Batu Pahat and Iskandar Puteri stations in Malaysia and the Jurong East station in Singapore, with operations of the Express Service between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore targeted for commencement by 31 December 2026.

About MyHSR Corporation

MyHSR Corp is a company incorporated in 2015, wholly owned by the Minister of Finance Incorporated. As the Government of Malaysia's project delivery vehicle for the Kuala Lumpur – Singapore HSR project, MyHSR Corp is responsible for the development and implementation of the project.

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