

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**JOINT STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA RAIL LINK SDN BHD (MRLSB) AND  
CHINA COMMUNICATIONS CONSTRUCTION ECRL SDN BHD (CCCC)  
ON CLAIMS of LOBBYIST / AGENTS SERVICES TO SECURE  
EAST COAST RAIL LINK (ECRL) CIVIL WORKS PACKAGES**

We refer to several documents that have been viralised through social media, with the following contents:

- 1. Agent or Lobbyist purportedly offering Class G3-G6 contractors the opportunity to participate in civil work contracts for the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) project by registering with them as subcontractors.*
- 2. Agent or Lobbyist claimed of opportunity for local contractors to partake as subcontractors of the ECRL project that will be awarded through direct award to certain companies.*

MRLSB and CCCC would like to categorically deny any involvement in these messages and would like to state in the strongest terms that:

- 1. NO Agents or Lobbyist have been appointed to facilitate the pre-qualification of local contractors as potential tenderers of the ECRL civil work packages to facilitate the 40% Local Participation in the ECRL Civil works as agreed in the ECRL Supplementary Agreement (SA) of Engineering, Procurement, Construction & Commissioning (EPCC) contracts signed on 12 April 2019.*
- 2. NO contracts for the ECRL civil works will be awarded on a direct tender basis. Claims by any companies that they have been promised contracts as Main Contractors of the ECRL project via direct award are absolutely and categorically untrue.*

As has already been announced, MRLSB & CCCC is currently running its Pre-Qualification (Pre-Q) exercise aimed at allowing all contractors with a CIDB (Construction Industry Development Board) Grade G3 to Grade G7 license and a minimum 2-star rating to register for a pre-qualification exercise to shortlist local contractors as potential tenderers for the ECRL civil works.

Additionally, CCCC had run advertisements in all leading local dailies to publicise the Pre-Q exercise on 13 & 14 May 2019. Hence, all genuine and qualified local construction companies and contractors interested to be shortlisted as potential tenderers on the ECRL civil work packages are encouraged to participate in the Pre-Q exercise and submit their applications directly at the CCCC counters at the Sime Darby Convention Centre on 29 & 30 May 2019.

MRL and CCCC strongly reiterate that there has been no appointment of an official agent or lobbyist of the ECRL project.

MRLSB and CCCC are committed to ensuring good governance and ethical practices are upheld in the pre-qualification and evaluation of local contractors to ensure that only those eligible and shortlisted will proceed to subsequent stages as potential tenderers.

Both MRLSB and CCCC aim to adhere to the highest standards of accountability and transparency with the aim of ensuring that the ECRL sets the benchmark for integrity and good governance.

Hence, we would like to urge all contractors to ignore any such messages claiming they are recipients of any direct tenders for the ECRL as well as any “lobbyists” claiming that they can assist contractors to gain “favoured” status for ECRL projects. We are hopeful that should any local contractors received such offers and claims, to report any such messages or direct contact with such agents to MRLSB or CCCC. Legal measures would also be considered if deemed necessary to protect our rights.

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