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## **Rail Systems Works on the RTS Link nears 50% Completion, Safety Remains Top Priority**

1. **26 FEBRUARY 2025** – RTS Operations Pte. Ltd. (RTSO) is pleased to announce that the rail system works on the Johor Bahru – Singapore RTS Link project is advancing steadily and has achieved good progress of about 50%.
2. After gaining access to the Wadi Hana Depot in September 2024, track installation works commenced. The tracks spans about 5.3km from the depot connecting to the mainline towards Bukit Chagar station, the viaducts, and continuing towards Woodlands North station.
3. Following the official opening of the RTSO Corporate Office in Johor Bahru on 5 February, the company also organised the inaugural RTSO Safety Forum where contractors and partners engaged in discussions on safety. It is a shared responsibility to ensure that works are to be carried out in a safe manner at all times.
4. The installation of trackwork, which started at Wadi Hana Depot, is progressing well with over 65% of the work now completed. This includes installation of concrete sleepers, running rails and securing them with fastening clips. Looking ahead, we expect the trackwork to extend towards Woodlands North station in Singapore and be completed by July.
5. Other systems installation works at the depot will take place in phases. From March, the installation of traction power, signalling and communications systems will commence.



6. "The RTS Link project marks a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to enhance regional connectivity. We deeply appreciate the support of the two Infrastructure Companies from Malaysia and Singapore (InfraCos) for granting us timely access to commence works. As the operator of the RTS Link, our focus is ensuring operational readiness and the successful, on-time completion of the project to provide a safe, efficient and world-class commuting experience. Our goal is to deliver a reliable transport service that alleviates congestion and strengthen cross-border connectivity." said Dr Ahmad Marzuki Ariffin, CEO of RTS Operations Pte. Ltd.
7. Zahrin Abdul Gani, Project Director, RTS Operations Pte. Ltd. said: "We are pleased to report that the system implementation phase of the RTS Link project is progressing well. In the coming months, our key focus will be on critical systems including trackwork, rolling stock, traction power, and the seamless integration of signalling and control systems. Safety is our top priority, and we are working closely with all stakeholders -- including our system consultant, contractors, the Infrastructure Companies (InfraCos) and the various government agencies -- to achieve our Vision Zero Accidents. Our dedicated team, comprising seconded personnel from both Prasarana and SMRT, is working tirelessly to ensure the timely completion of this strategic bilateral project, which will bring benefits to both countries."
8. RTS Operations is committed to ensuring the successful and timely completion of the project. When completed, the RTS Link will deliver a seamless, efficient, and groundbreaking transportation solution. This project reflects our shared goal to create more economic opportunities, strengthen ties between Malaysia and Singapore, and bring growth to communities on both sides of the border.

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## **About RTS Operations Pte Ltd**

RTS Operations Pte Ltd is a Joint Venture between formed between Prasarana RTS Operations Sdn Bhd, and SMRT RTS Pte Ltd, . The company owns, designs, builds and finances the RTS Link operating assets including trains, tracks and systems. This company will also operate the RTS Link service between Johor Bahru, Malaysia, and Woodlands North in Singapore.

## **About Prasarana Malaysia Berhad**

Established in 1998 and operational since 2002, Prasarana Malaysia Berhad (Prasarana) is the backbone of Malaysia's urban public transport system. As the asset owner and operator of the nation's LRT networks – Kelana Jaya and Ampang/Sri Petaling Lines, the KL Monorail Line, and the extensive bus services of Rapid KL, Rapid Penang, and Rapid Kuantan, Prasarana plays a pivotal role in connecting communities and enhancing mobility. Prasarana also operates the environmentally friendly BRT Sunway Line and serves as the service operator for Malaysia's MRT networks – Kajang and Putrajaya Lines.

## **About SMRT Corporation Ltd**

SMRT Corporation Ltd (SMRT) is a leading public transport services provider in Singapore. As the nation's dominant rail operator, SMRT manages and operates the North-South Line, East-West Line, Circle Line, Thomson-East Coast Line, and Bukit Panjang Light Rail Transit. These services are complemented by its bus, taxi, and private hire vehicle operations. Through Kaizen, SMRT enhances lifestyles by creating vibrant transit destinations for commuters and the communities it serves.

In addition, SMRT collaborates with Malaysia's Prasarana to design, build, and subsequently operate, and maintain the RTS Link, which will enhance cross-border connectivity between Singapore and Johor.

SMRT's core values are encapsulated in the acronym R.I.S.E, which stands for Respect, Integrity, Safety, Service, and Excellence. SMRT is dedicated to providing safe, reliable, and commuter-centric transport services.