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MOBILUS TO BRING THE FIRST AUTOMATED RAPID TRANSIT (ART) SYSTEM INTO MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 February 2020 – Mobilus Sdn Bhd (Mobilus) has recently signed a Purchase Agreement with CRRC MRT Urban Traffic Co. to import the first unit of Automated Rapid Transit (ART) system for a pilot project in Iskandar Malaysia in 2020. The first ART will be delivered to Malaysia by mid-2020 with the pilot project targeted to be launched in the second half of the year.

Mobilus is a 51:49 joint venture company established between Ireka Corporation Berhad and CRRC Urban Traffic (Europe) Co. Ltd. (CRRC UT, a member of CRRC Group) to pursue urban transportation business opportunities in Malaysia and the South East Asian (ASEAN) region. CRRC Group is the world's largest manufacturer of rolling stock and rail related products and systems. All eyes will be on the ART Pilot Project in Iskandar Malaysia because it is intended to seek Government approval for the ART vehicle to be deemed roadworthy in Malaysia, and subsequently in other countries in South East Asia. Malaysia will be the first country outside of China to potentially adopt this technology.

“The planning for the ART Pilot Project in Iskandar Malaysia has been underway, and we hope to have the project up and running by mid-2020. This will be one of the test lines for the larger Iskandar Malaysia Bus Rapid Transit (IMBRT) project, a large-scale transit project for Iskandar Malaysia covering an alignment of 51km in Phase 1,” said Ireka Corporation Berhad Group Deputy Managing Director, Monica Lai at the signing ceremony held at the Wujiang District of Suzhou, China in December 2019.

Also present at the event to witness the signing ceremony were Secretary of Wujiang District Committee Mr. Wang Qinghua and Deputy Secretary Mr. Li Ming, Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA) Chief Executive Datuk Ismail Ibrahim and BRTIM Sdn Bhd representative Mr. Mohamed Amin Haron, Mobilus Chief Executive Officer Mr. Chan Chee Kian and Marketing Director Mr. Ramlan Zainol Abidin.

In his opening remarks at the signing ceremony, Mr. Li Ming commented positively on the collaboration between Mobilus and CRRC MRT Urban Traffic Co. stating that the implementation of the ART Pilot Project will both help to improve public transportation in Iskandar Malaysia and further promote the rapid development of the regional economy and society.

ART is a leading edge technology developed by CRRC Group. ART allows for high passenger capacity and a lower cost of implementation and operates on clean sources of energy like electricity or hydrogen. The multi-carriage, electric-powered unit is equipped with sensors that read the dimensions of a road, enabling it to automatically navigate its own route.

With a maximum speed of 70 kilometers per hour, the ART could carry as many as 307 passengers at a time. This makes the ART an agile, comfortable, non-polluting and scalable urban transport system.

The ART is being rapidly adopted in various cities across China, with the latest being in Yibin, Sichuan Province. The ART line in Yibin was put into commercial operation on December 5, 2019. The route runs for 17.7 km through the central business district of Yibin. It is estimated that up to 10,000 passengers will use the ART every day, rising to 25,000 after it is connected to the nearby high-speed rail network.

“Beyond Iskandar Malaysia, Mobilus will pursue other projects to introduce the ART to various cities in Malaysia. With its strong adaptability and flexibility as a transit system, we truly believe that the ART will be a game changer to the urban transportation landscape in Malaysia,” added Monica Lai, commenting on the future plans of Mobilus moving forward during the event.



Image 1: Automated Rapid Transit



Image 2: Automated Rapid Transit

About Ireka Corporation Berhad:

Ireka Corporation Berhad ('Ireka') www.ireka.com.my was founded in 1967. Ireka was listed on the Second Board of Bursa Malaysia on 12 July 1993, and transferred to the Main Board (*now known as Main Market*) on 13 June 2002. Currently, the Group's activities are divided into three core businesses; namely **Infrastructure**, **Real Estate**, and **Technologies**.
Note: The diagram below indicates key entities only.



In its over five decades of operation in the **Infrastructure** business, Ireka has distinguished itself by its involvement in constructing some of the country's most notable projects; such as the MRT V7 rail line, the Kuala Lumpur International Airport runway, Kuala Lumpur Middle-Ring Road II, North-South Expressway, Putrajaya Government Administrative Offices, DiGi Corporate Office (D'House), Technology Park Malaysia, The Westin Kuala Lumpur, OCBC Head Office and Wisma AIG.

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About Mobilus Sdn Bhd:

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On 23 July 2019, Ireka Corporation Berhad and CRRC Urban Traffic (Europe) Co. Ltd. (a member of the China based CRRC Group) established a 51:49 joint venture company known as Mobilus Sdn Bhd. CRRC Group is the world's largest manufacturer of rolling stock and rail related products and systems.

Mobilus will focus on the provision of urban traffic solutions, supply of electric transportation vehicles and implementation of urban transportation systems. A key focus will be on green energy and smart transportation solutions, in particular implementing an Automated Rapid Transit (ART) system for cities (a first in Malaysia and South East Asia).