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MOBILUS' AUTOMATED RAPID TRANSIT (ART) SYSTEM SET TO REVOLUTIONISE URBAN TRANSPORTATION IN MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur, 12 April 2021 – Mobilus Sdn. Bhd's (Mobilus) Automated Rapid Transit (ART) system made a powerful impact at a recent green urban transportation launch officiated by Johor Menteri Besar, YAB Datuk Dr Hasni Mohammad. The ART is one of the test lines of Iskandar Malaysia Bus Rapid Transit's (IMBRT) pilot programme to trial the vehicles' capabilities and to demonstrate the use of green technology in line with the Iskandar Malaysia's public transport modernisation strategy. Introducing the ART system into Malaysia is a great breakthrough and milestone for Mobilus. It is also the first trial of the ART in South East Asia. Mobilus is a joint venture company between Ireka Corporation Berhad and CRRC Urban Traffic Co. Ltd., a member of CRRC Group, to pursue urban transportation business opportunities in Malaysia and the South East Asia region.

Unlike any existing public transportation vehicle in the country, the ART, with its distinctive feature as a hybrid between an electric bus and a trackless tram sparked much public interest and Mobilus was proud to have on board, YAB Datuk Dr Hasni, the Johor Menteri Besar, Datuk Ismail Ibrahim, Chief Executive of Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA) and Tuan Haji Mohd. Solihan, Johor State Exco for Transport & Infrastructure, among its first passengers to experience the smooth and comfortable ride on the ART. On its first-day of the trial on 8 April, the ART carried around 100 people ranging from members of the press and media, and other invited guests of the IMBRT Bus Pilot Testing Programme launch event.

ART uses leading edge technology developed by CRRC Group, the world's largest manufacturer of rolling stock and rail related products and systems. ART allows for higher passenger capacity (300 passengers with 3 carriages and is expandable to approximately 500 passengers with a 5-carriage configuration) at a lower cost of implementation, compared to traditional light-rail systems; and it operates on clean sources of energy such as electricity or hydrogen. The multi-carriages are equipped with sensors that read the virtual tracks on the road, enabling it to automatically navigate its own route, without the need for expensive physical rail tracks. The ART travels up to 70 kilometres per hour.

The 3-month pilot testing programme begins now, hosted by the Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA) and aims to showcase green technology vehicles such as the ART system to the public. The ART will be rigorously tested during this period, especially its virtual-tracking capability; integration of passenger information systems at stations with real-

time position of the ART vehicle to ensure reliability of the service; as well as trialing the Rivex Rikeguard, a revolutionary antimicrobial protective film that neutralises bacteria and viruses upon contact, ensuring that surfaces are safe to touch. Mobilus' partnership with Jasa Sarjana Sdn Bhd to equip high-touch points within the ART with the antimicrobial protective film throughout is an important measure to keep passengers safe, and to play their part in curbing the spread of COVID-19.

This pilot will be evaluated by the Malaysia Institute of Transport (MITRANS), an institute of Universiti Teknologi MARA. The independent and technical study will result in a feasibility report to assess its roadworthiness in Malaysia so that Government approval can be sought to fully run the system in the country. Incidentally, for those wishing to experience a ride on the ART, they can register themselves at the IMBRT Information Booth at Anjung Nusajaya in Iskandar Malaysia during the pilot testing period.

The introduction of ART is part of Mobilus' long-term strategy of focusing on solutions to improve mobility of people in cities and the suburban areas, where connectivity is often hampered by the urban sprawl. Owing to its cost efficiency and adaptability, the ART system is particularly effective as a back-bone urban transit solution for cities with a population approximating 1 to 5 million people. In larger cities, ART also works well as a secondary urban transit system supporting light-rail or mass transit systems, providing first and last mile connectivity in suburban areas or busy city centres. Thus, the ART is poised to transform the public transportation landscape in Malaysia, when successfully implemented. Aside from the ART, Mobilus is also focusing on introducing electric buses solutions, hydrogen fuel-cell powered ART and green-energy logistics solutions to various stakeholders in Malaysia and South East Asia.

To date, The ART is being rapidly adopted in various cities across China, with one significant city being Yibin City, Sichuan Province, a city with more than 4.5 million people. The first of seven lines for the city was officially launched in December 2019 and runs for 17.7 km through the central business district and also connects to Yibin's high-speed railway terminus. It is reported that more than 25,000 daily commuters are using the line in its first year of implementation, and traffic congestion in the city has reduced by 20% since the opening of the ART T1 Line.

Commenting on the recent ART launch and the next phase, Mobilus CEO and Group Executive Director of Ireka, Mr. Chan Chee Kian said, "As with the general public, we were very excited to witness the launch of the ART system on Malaysian roads for the first time and to host the many dignitaries on board its maiden voyage. We are extremely grateful and encouraged by the support that has been shown to date by IRDA, Ministry of Transport and its various agencies such as Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan (JPJ or Road Transport Department), as well as other authorities in Malaysia, on their willingness and proactiveness to adopt new, transformative technology like the ART. I look forward to seeing the ART system running in other States in Malaysia in the very near future."

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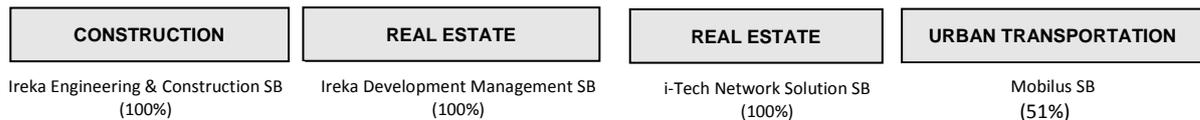
The Automated Rapid Transit system was launched as part of IMBRT pilot programme in Iskandar Malaysia on 8 April.



Group photo was taken in front of the ART system during the launch of the IMBRT pilot programme. From the right were: Ireka Engineering & Construction Sdn Bhd CEO Tan Thiam Chai, Mobilus CEO Chan Chee Kian, Ireka Group Deputy Managing Director & Mobilus Chairman Monica Lai, Ireka Group General Manager Leonard Yee and Mobilus Marketing Director Ramlan Zainol Abidin.

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 four core businesses; namely **Construction, Real Estate, Technologies and Urban Transportation**.



In its over five decades of operation in the construction 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.

In July 2019, Ireka and CRRC Urban Traffic Co. Ltd. established a joint-venture company, Mobilus Sdn Bhd to spearhead its urban transportation business in Malaysia and Southeast Asia (ASEAN). 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 for Malaysia and Southeast Asia).

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About Mobilus Sdn. Bhd.:



On 23 July 2019, Ireka Corporation Berhad and CRRC Urban Traffic 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.

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