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Penang Sentral New Temporary Terminal to Replace Ageing Temporary Terminal – Improvements in Phases

Kuala Lumpur Sentral CBD, 19 January 2015 – Penang Sentral Sdn Bhd, (PSSB) wishes to inform that the new temporary bus and taxi terminal has been opened. The move to the new temporary terminal was made in order to replace the ageing previous temporary terminal, which is now being cleared for dismantling and site preparation work in anticipation of more intensive construction work for the permanent integrated Penang Sentral Transport Hub Terminal, to be built on this same site. We are now focused on the main objective of getting this permanent transport hub ready on time as scheduled.

Ongoing facility improvement work is being undertaken in phases at the new temporary bus and taxi terminal, which is located on a site adjacent to the Penang Sentral Transport Hub Terminal project development.

Currently the new temporary bus and taxi terminal has been built-in with the following improved facilities:

- 1) Improved visibility and clarity of new signage;
- 2) A new and improved air-conditioned ticketing hall with better facilities that include full amenities for users' comfort and convenience, compared to the old terminal that was not air-conditioned with very basic facilities;
- 3) A total of 33 indoor ticketing counters, new toilets and a *surau*, for better service compared to the old open air terminal;

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- 4) Wider and more extra space for the operators to run their services;
- 5) A total of 28 bays for buses, compared to 26 bays in the old terminal;
- 6) A total of 47 bays for taxis, compared to 40 bays in the old terminal;
- 7) Two elevators (to be installed by end of March) as alternative to the staircase of the elevated pedestrian crossing above the railway tracks, heading to the new temporary terminal;
- 8) Installation of full sets of new and more user-friendly hand rails at the staircases on both sides of the rail tracks;
- 9) Wheel chairs to be readied by the end of January to provide some relief to the elderly for the 5-minute walk from the ferry terminal to the staircase of the elevated pedestrian crossing walkway and vice versa;
- 10) Free porter services for luggage-carrying ferry users at the staircase leading to the new temporary terminal, to be introduced after the Chinese New Year for a period of at least 6 months; and
- 11) Business as usual for food sellers since terminal users would be able to reach the existing stalls within a short walk, which is similar in distance from the old terminal.

PSSB will be updating users with the next phases of facility enhancements as they are undertaken. Please refer the accompanying graphics for an overview of the improved new temporary terminal.

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PSSB wishes to reassure users of the new temporary bus and taxi terminal that any inconvenience currently experienced is short term until all the improvement phases are completed in the months to come. We regret that the public has to endure these inconveniences. Rest assured PSSB would speed up improvements in the planned phases at this new temporary terminal.

PSSB also will take into consideration all feedbacks and encourages users to be patient and to look at the longer term benefit anticipated with the completion of the permanent integrated Penang Sentral Transport Hub Terminal, which is expected to be ready by 2017.

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About Penang Sentral

Penang Sentral is an urban development with mixed components built around the largest integrated transportation hub in Malaysia's northern region. This mixed development, is poised to transform Butterworth into a modern metropolis and will house retail, commercial and residential components. Penang Sentral Sendirian Berhad is a wholly owned subsidiary of Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad (MRCB), which was specially established to design, construct and manage the Penang Sentral project.

About MRCB

Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad is a leading urban property and infrastructure developer in the country. The Group specialises in civil, environmental and energy infrastructure development including beach rehabilitation projects, road works, road concessions, educational colleges, hospitals, power plants, and is the nation's biggest developer of high-voltage transmission networks.

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