

SunCon keen to bid for KVDT phase 2 project

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PETALING JAYA: Sunway Construction Group Bhd (SunCon) is keen to put in its bid for the Phase 2 of the Klang Valley Double Tracking (KVDT) project.

Managing director Chung Soo Kiong said the is definitely interested to bid for the rail construction project.

"We'll wait for the government to announce the submission date for the re-tender of KVDT phase 2 project," he told reporters after the company's shareholders meeting here today.

Phase 2 of the KVDT project involves 110km of railway tracks spanning from the Kuala Lumpur station to Klang, Salak South to Seremban and Simpang Port Klang to Port Klang.

Last week, Transport Minister Anthony Loke said the project 'for now, it is a no-go' as there was no open tender.

The minister also highlighted this costly RM5.9 billion project was awarded by the previous government to DMIA Engineering and Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera, just days before the 14th General Elections, last month.

Loke reportedly said the 7-year completion period given to DMIA Engineering was too long.

Incidentally, DMIA Engineering is also the contractor for Phase 1 of KVDT project and work progress is behind schedule.

"A new tender will be called, but we cannot say how soon. From the technical viewpoint, Keretapi Tanah Melayu Bhd had told us Phase 2 of KVDT must be implemented because the current single track is not sustainable.

"But financially, the government has no means to support it. So, we'll have to find ways to go about it," Loke had said.

When asked on SunCon's jobs at hand, Chung replied, "our orderbook of around RM6.4 billion should sustain us until 2021."

To another query on replenishment, he said SunCon hopes to secure RM1.5 billion to RM2 billion of new contracts, this year.

"We are putting in bids for various projects, locally and overseas. We're looking to re-enter India and win highway and railway upgrade jobs," Chung added.