

JDK to ride on RM90m double-track project

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PEMBINAAN JDK Sdn Bhd, a privately-held construction company, will ride on its RM90 million contract with the Ipoh-Padang Besar electrified double-track project to be one of the leading Class A contractors in the country.

It had bid for four packages under the RM12.5 billion electrified double-track project and won one in December last year.

The RM50 million contract, awarded by MMC-Gamuda JV, was to build bridges and infrastructure works from Parit Buntar to Kamunting.

JDK managing director Rasdan Rahmat said the contract is the biggest award for the company since 1994.

Previously, JDK's contracts to lay tracks, stabilise slopes, design and replace railway bridges, awarded by KTM Bhd and government agencies, were less than RM7 million each.

"Our initial challenge was to prove our experience and expertise because MMC-Gamuda was very stringent in its selection. We had to go through several rounds of evaluation. We are happy that our good performance was duly recognised," he said in an interview with Business Times.

The electrified double-track project has given JDK the opportunity to learn from MMC-Gamuda, especially on safety and quality control management, Rasdan said.

JDK's good performance was further rewarded with a second contract valued at RM40 million.

"Prompt payments by MMC-Gamuda have helped us with our smooth implementation of construction. We are ahead of schedule and hope to complete before the March 2011 dateline" he said.

Rasdan said the government should implement more mega projects as they help stimulate the economy and benefit the industry.

"Projects like the electrified double track give jobs to local contractors, suppliers, engineers, site labourers, and also small businesses in the local towns. It is also a good platform for us to grow and broaden our skills to take on even more challenging jobs," he added. - By Sharen Kaur



The RM90 million electrified double-track project is the biggest deal for JDK since 1994, says Rasdan