

MALAYSIAN BUILDER MMC GAMUDA TAKES DOUBLE GLORY AT GLOBAL SAFETY AWARDS

KUALA LUMPUR, 25th November 2019- MMC Gamuda KVMRT (Tunnel) Sdn. Bhd. has made international acclaim again with multiple recognitions recently received from the British Safety Council (BSC). The main contractor of the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit Sungai-Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Line, MMC Gamuda received the Sword of Honour award for the first time this year following last year's remarkable feat of having earned a five-star score in the BSC's Five Star Occupational Health & Safety Audit. Only organisations with a five-star rating qualify, having to earn a minimum score of 92% and above out of 100% first, before standing a chance to run for the 'best of the best', Sword of Honour award. Last year was the first time MMC Gamuda scored a five-star in the said audit. Now, not long after, it has made another landmark achievement by being one of only 84 organisations worldwide that has made the cut for the Sword of Honour trophy. Not only that, MMC Gamuda then went on to receive another five-star grading in its subsequent audit term, qualifying it again for next year's round of rigorous evaluation for the Sword of Honour win.

The BSC Five Star Occupational Health & Safety Audit is an international audit which the organisation has voluntarily participated in year by year, as part of its commitment to continued improvements in safety and construction excellence. Spanning over a year, the audit requires the organisation to undergo a comprehensive, quantified and robust evaluation of its occupational health and safety policies, processes and practices with much scrutiny. Its processes included documentation review, interviews with senior management, employees and other key stakeholders, together with sampling of on-site operational activities over a two-week period. It also measured the organisation's performance against key health and safety management best practice indicators with a detailed review of over sixty component elements. This year saw the addition of mental health and building information management (BIM) into the scope of the audit process.

In 2017, MMC Gamuda earned a 4-star grading in the audit, by 2018 they've earned a five-star and maintained their five-star ranking in 2019. On top of that, MMC Gamuda made a clean sweep of numerous awards last year at the BSC Awards, winning the International Safety Award (with Distinction), Best in Country Award and Sector Award under the Construction and Property Activities Category.

Present on 22 November 2019 to receive the Sword of Honour trophy at London's Merchant Taylors' Hall, Director, Datuk Ir Paul Ha Tiing Tai tells us "with these awards, we are affirmed in our proactive stance towards continual improvement in managing risks and striving for safety and health best practices. More than just delivering projects, we want to carve out a national legacy that would boost the construction industry."

Meanwhile, Lawrence Waterman, Chairman of the BSC, says: "On behalf of the board of trustees and staff of the British Safety Council I would like to congratulate MMC Gamuda on achieving the very highest standards of health, safety and environmental management. Excellence at this level is hard won after all."

Pictures below



{Caption} Datuk Ir Paul Ha receiving the Sword of Honour trophy from British Safety Council's Chief Executive, Mike Robinson- a first for Malaysia and a landmark achievement in construction.



{Caption} The Sword of Honour trophy in its full glory. The sword is hand-made with a polished, etched stainless steel blade.



{Caption} Aerial view of Conlay MRT station, just one of the 17 construction sites managed by MMC Gamuda, where the BSC's 5-star safety quality standards are being implemented every day in full rigour.

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NOTE TO EDITORS

About MMC Gamuda KVMRT (T) Sdn. Bhd. (MGKT)

MGKT is the appointed Underground Works Package contractor for the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit Sungai-Buloh-Serdang-Putrajaya Project. With a sterling track record in managing large-scale projects on time coupled with its ability in engineering innovation, MMC Gamuda is tasked with the design and construction of the tunnelling package covering 13.5km of MRT underground tunnel with eleven underground stations.

About the Five Star Occupational Health and Safety Audit

The [Five Star Audit](#) is a comprehensive, contemporary and quantified process which benchmarks health and safety management performance against the latest international best practice

techniques.

The audit process is carried out through documentation review, management and other stakeholder interviews, as well as operational sampling.

Those organisations who achieve a five-star grading following the audit become eligible to enter the British Safety Council [Sword of Honour](#) Awards which recognise excellence in the management of health and safety.

The award scheme is an independently adjudicated process which requires five-star achievers to build upon the audit findings and provide a written submission on their continual improvement planning.

About the British Safety Council

The British Safety Council believes that *no-one should be injured or made ill at work*.

Since its foundation in 1957, the British Safety Council has campaigned tirelessly to protect workers from accidents, hazards and unsafe conditions, and played a decisive role in the political process that has led to the adoption of landmark safety legislation in the UK. Its members in more than 60 countries are committed to protecting and improving the wellbeing of workers, believing that a healthy and safe work environment is also good for business.

As part of its charitable work, the British Safety Council leads health and safety networking forums for all sectors, facilitates and promotes best practice in Britain and overseas. It also offers a range of services and products, including training, qualifications, publications, audits and awards. The British Safety Council works closely with organisations, charities and individuals who share its vision of ensuring that every worker goes home at the end of the day as healthy as they were when they went to work.

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