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DATUK WIRA AZHAR ABDUL HAMID APPOINTED AS MRT CORP CHAIRMAN

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Kuala Lumpur, 27 May 2021: Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd (MRT Corp) wishes to announce the appointment of Datuk Wira Azhar Abdul Hamid as the company's Chairman of its Board of Directors.

The appointment marks his return to the organization that he once helmed as its first Chief Executive Officer from 2011 to 2014.

Welcoming his appointment, MRT Corp Chief Executive Officer Datuk Mohd Zarif Hashim said Azhar brings with him vast industry experience that will help steer MRT Corp into the future.

"As the founding CEO of MRT Corp, Datuk Wira Azhar's experience and knowledge will be invaluable as the organization moves forward to develop the Johor Bahru-Singapore Rapid Transit System Link Project and the exciting MRT 3 Circle Line project, while at the same time, to complete the MRT Putrajaya Line," said Zarif.

Azhar's appointment is effective from 11 May 2021.

Prior to his appointment, Azhar was the Chairman of FGV Holdings Sdn Bhd from 2017 to April 2021.

After leaving MRT Corp in 2014 until 2017, he had held various positions including Chairman of MSM Malaysia Holdings Sdn Bhd, Group Managing Director of Malakoff Corporation, President/Group Managing Director and later chairman of Tradewinds Corporation Berhad.

Azhar was in the Sime Darby Group from 1994 to 2001, and again from 2003 to 2010, holding various positions in the group including Executive Vice President/Head of Plantation and Agri-Business Division, Managing Director of Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd, Director of the group's Plantations and Food Division, Managing Director of Sime Plantations Sdn Bhd, Director of the Heavy Equipment Division Asia Pacific, Managing Director of Tractors Malaysia Holdings, Business Development Director of Sime Darby Plantations Sdn Bhd, Group General Manager of its Engineering, Oil and Gas Division, Business Development Director of Sime Conoco Sdn Bhd and Financial Controller of Sime Tyres Interational Sdn Bhd

Between his stints in Sime Darby, he was Group Chief Executive of Pernas International Holdings Berhad from 2001 to 2002.



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Besides the above positions, he was also Chairman for Malaysian Palm Oil Association from 2001 until 2010.

Azhar is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants United Kingdom and a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountant.

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