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**OPTIMISTIC:** Firm bidding for hospital and water treatment plant projects

**G**EORGE Kent (Malaysia) Bhd, which has an order book of RM1.5 billion, is bidding for new jobs to the tune of RM10 billion, says its executive director Bernie Ooi Chin Khoon.

He said the firm was bidding for hospital projects as well as jobs on the development of water treatment and sewage plants.

Ooi said the company was partnering Malaysian Resources Corp Bhd (MRCB) to bid for the project delivery partner (PDP) role for the RM9 billion light rail transit Line 3 (LRT 3) development from Bandar Utama to Klang, Selangor.

"The submission deadline for the LRT 3 tender is at the end of this month. That is all I can say about the LRT 3 now," he said during a site visit to four new LRT stations — Awan Besar, Alam Sutera, Muhibbah and Bandar Kinrara 5, here, yesterday.

In July 2012, George Kent and its partner Lion Pacific were awarded a RM1.1 billion package for the Ampang LRT extension project.

The company's package concerned the tail-end of the project, and involved the signalling systems and electrification of the rail tracks.

Ooi said the job was 60 per cent completed.

"We are on target to meet our deadline on March 2016," Ooi said.

Last month, project owner Prasarana Malaysia Bhd said the Ampang LRT line

extension project, which stretches to Putra Heights with 11 new stations, was expected to be completed and enter service by October next year.

On Prasarana's rescheduling works, Ooi said George Kent was in constant communication with Prasarana to re-sequence activities in order to meet the March 2016 deadline.

On whether there had been changes in the job scope since the package was awarded in July 2012, Ooi said the company had submitted claims for variation orders (VO) as instructed by the project owner.

He said the company was in negotiations with Prasarana over the VO.



George Kent executive director **Bernie Ooi Chin Khoon** (centre) says the firm is also partnering MRCB to bid for the project delivery partner role for the RM9 billion light rail transit Line 3 development. Pic by Saddam Yusoff