

PRESS RELEASE

GEMILANG REACHES ITS FINAL DESTINATION

20th APRIL 2006

SMART's second Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), *Gemilang*, has finally completed its journey on 20th April 2006 when it reaches the Storage Reservoir at Taman Desa.

In the South Drive, TBM *Gemilang* started its tunneling activities on 31st August 2004 at North Ventilation Shaft, Padang JKR, Jalan Chan Sow Lin and has since bored 3968m to reach the end of the drive. During this drive, *Gemilang* has erected 2334 rings that make up the southern portion of the total 9.7km stormwater tunnel. *Gemilang* has achieved a record during this period – building 66 rings per week and 13 rings per 24 hours operation for a large diameter size TBM in a Karstic Limestone ground condition. This South Drive was completed ahead of schedule (original scheduled date is 7 Mei 2006)

In the North Drive TBM *Tuah*, SMART's first TBM has restarted its northward tunneling on the third week of April 2006 and targeted to complete this section of the tunnel by end of the year to catch up with the schedule.

The Overall completion of SMART Project is at 78%.

SMART is primarily a flood mitigation project being implemented by the Government to mitigate flooding in the city center. The project has a secondary purpose which is to act as an alternative traffic dispersal system between the Southern Gateway and the city center.

SMART is being implemented under the joint supervision of the Department of Irrigation and Drainage Malaysia and the Malaysian Highway Authority. The project implementer is the MMC-Gamuda Joint Venture.

The project which started construction in January 2003 will see completion by middle of next year.

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