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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: TRANSFORM RAIL BUSINESS IN ASIA WITH SPAD, CIDB AND MiGHT

KUALA LUMPUR, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013 - RAIL BUSINESS ASIA (RBA) 2013 will bring together thought leaders in the rail industry for a comprehensive overview of the rapidly expanding rail development in Asia. This event will be held in Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia from 10-12 September 2013.

RBA 2013 co-hosted by Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) and Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB), and supported by Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MiGHT) is earmarked to be a must-attend conference & exhibition in the rail industry.

The Malaysian government is committed to developing the country's public transportation infrastructure and recognises the rail industry's critical need for people with the relevant technical qualifications and skills. Thales, a global leader in ground transportation, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MiGHT to promote human capital development for the country's rail industry. Thales, **Gold Sponsor** for RBA 2013, will be joining MiGHT to address and discuss the topic of attracting and retaining talents and improving workforce capabilities during RBA 2013 conference.

One of the hottest topics in Malaysia is the High-Speed Rail (HSR) link between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore as the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD) speeds up the process of kick-starting the multi-billion ringgit project. "We are working very hard to ensure that the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore railway link is operational by 2020" said Mohd Nur Ismal, CEO of SPAD who will feature as a speaker in a discussion on the efficiency and performance of HSR links and its' feasibility in Asia at RBA 2013 conference.

Apart from the SPAD, CIDB and MiGHT, RBA 2013 have confirmed participation from various government agencies, rail asset owners, operators and infrastructure developers such as the Ministry of Transport (MoT), Mass Rapid Transport Authority of Thailand (MRTA), Railway Asset Corporation (RAC), Keretapi Tanah Melayu Berhad (KTMB), Prasarana, Rapid KL, MTR Corporation, Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT), Express Rail Link (ERL), Taiwan High Speed Rail Corporation (THSRC), Vietnam Railways (VR), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and IJM Corporation Sdn Bhd just to name a few.



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RBA2013 would also like to highlight the participation of Ansaldo STS as an Associate Sponsor, and exhibitors such as ERL, GMT Gummi-Metall Technik (M) Sdn Bhd, Excelnex Integrated Sdn Bhd, Wilhams Insulation Far East Sdn Bhd, and Colas Rail Asia Sdn Bhd.

#### Notes to Editors:

##### 1. About RAIL BUSINESS ASIA ([www.railbusinessasia.org](http://www.railbusinessasia.org))

RAIL BUSINESS ASIA 2013 hosted by **Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB)** and **Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD)** and supported by **Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MiGHT)** is the thought leadership platform of Asia's fast growing rail industry. It is a strategic event dedicated to delivering the latest in market insights, development projects and innovation, as well as in-depth dialogues from authorities, asset owners, operators and solution providers. In addition, the RAIL BUSINESS ASIA 2013 exhibition will showcase the latest technological advancements and provide a hub for networking and knowledge-sharing.

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