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Hydrogen production plant and refuelling station to be relocated for KUTS project

KUCHING: The Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) Project has reached another major milestone with Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd awarding a contract to Linde EOX Sdn Bhd for the relocation and upgrading of Sarawak Energy Bhd's hydrogen production plant and refuelling station.

The hydrogen plant will be relocated from Bintawa to the Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) Depot in Rembus, Kota Samarahan.

Yesterday, Sarawak Metro received the signed Letter of Acceptance (LOA) from Linde EOX for the relocation and upgrading of the said hydrogen production and refuelling station, under Phase 1 of the hydrogen production strategy for the KUTS Project.

Sarawak Metro chief executive officer Ts. Mazli Mustaffa was on hand to receive the signed LOA from Linde EOX Managing Director, Hoo Peih Yoke at Sarawak Metro's corporate office.

The design and build contract is valued at RM58 million and expected to complete in time for the start of operations of the KUTS project by the fourth quarter of 2026.

Once fully upgraded, the plant will be able to produce approximately one tonne of green hydrogen.

On hand to witness the handing over of the signed LOA were Ministry of Transport Sarawak Permanent Secretary Datu Wong Hee Sieng and representative from State Financial Secretary's Office Mohamad Kamil Asyraf Mohamad Samuri.

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Mazli receiving the signed LOA from Hoo, witnessed by Wong (fourth from left) and Kamil (fourth from right).

About Sarawak Metro and KUTS project:

Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd (Sarawak Metro), a State-owned enterprise, has been entrusted by the Sarawak Government to modernise public transport through the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project.

Sarawak Metro is the implementer, operator and maintainer of the KUTS project.

The project is being developed in phases, and Phase 1 includes the development of three lines: the Blue Line from Rembus in Kota Samarahan to Hikmah Exchange in the city centre; the Red Line, from Kuching Sentral to Pending; and the Green Line, from Pending to Damai.

The backbone of the KUTS project is the introduction of the zero-emission Autonomous Rapid Transit (ART) hydrogen vehicles.

The ART vehicles will be operated on dedicated lanes, meaning they will not share the lane with other road users. The ART hydrogen vehicles will run on rubber tires, and hence the dedicated lanes will be trackless. The lanes will mostly be at-grade (road level) while certain sections of the alignment will be elevated.

The ART operation will be supported by a network of feeder buses, which will also consist of hydrogen-powered vehicles to offer the ‘first mile and last mile’ connectivity for commuters.

The move to use hydrogen is in line with the Sarawak Government’s aspirations to advance the hydrogen economy and to decarbonise public transport in Sarawak.

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